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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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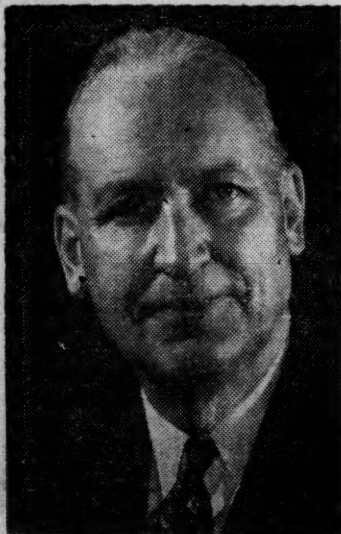
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## Mom And Dad

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"Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"—Josh. 24:14, 15.

The title of this message is expressed in the language of children who frequently refer to their



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parents in this manner. There is no desire on the part of the preacher to be disrespectful in the use of these familiar terms, nor to pose as being funny. These abbreviated words refer to parents in the tender relationships of family life and are readily understood by all of us. While "Mom" and "Dad" are very common words, yet they immediately bring before us the tremendous fact of parenthood.

The text upon which this message is based reveals the consecrated attitude of a great man of God in relation to his own house, and as a responsible father, he established God as the center of his home. Joshua knew well the fact that whatever upsets a home is sacrilegious because it profanes a sanctuary. Irrespective of what others did, this man also knew the course he would pursue and was fully aware of what would

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## Prize Winner in Second Annual \$1,000 Evangelistic Sermon Contest

# GOD SLAMS THE DOOR

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In Revelation 3:7,8 John was instructed to write to the angel of the church at Philadelphia, "... These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou has a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name."

The Church at Philadelphia was a true church which had kept the Word of God and had not denied the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was doubtless typical of the era of the church dispensation in which Christianity was most nearly Christian and also of all churches which remain true until the coming of Christ.

### I. An Open Door for Christian Service

The Lord had set before this church an open door of opportunity. No man could shut that door. However, the door would not stay open forever. Christ is not only "he that openeth, and no man shutteth," but He is also the One who shutteth, and no man openeth." In His admonition to the Philadelphia church He says, "Behold, I come quickly" (Rev. 3:11). This statement does not

mean that He will come soon, but that when He comes it will be sudden.

The door will close as if God slams it shut. This will happen at the coming of Christ for His church. It happens at the death of many individuals. It happens in that, when opportunities pass, they may never be recalled. For some it is a door of opportunity for Christian service that slams and for others it is the door of the hope of their own salvation.

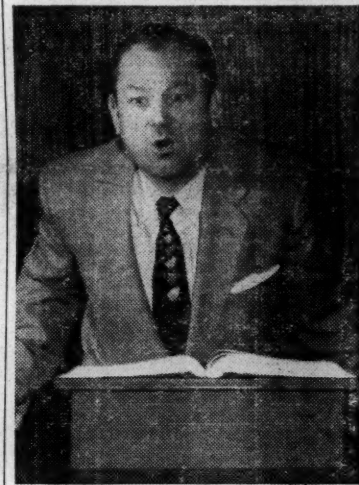
My Christian friend, God has set before you an open door. It matters not what your circumstances may be. You can have a part in Christian service. A few days ago I visited a hospital in Eugene, Oregon, and there met a man bed ridden for many years. He was stone blind. Arthritis had so drawn his hands that they were absolutely useless and his arms were so affected that he could not use them. He was almost deaf but had a specially adapted hearing aid. In spite of all his handicaps this man carries on a rich ministry for Christ by the help of kind friends, whose lives are blessed and enriched by the service they render. He dictates letters to men in the service of our country and sends them Gospel messages.

### The Ministry of Prayer

Sometime ago I was in the midst of a wonderful revival in a southern town. One day one of the pastors asked me to go with him to the home of a "shut-in." I went and there saw the most emaciated human form I have ever seen. The man's eyes were sunken into their hollows. When I took his hand in mine it felt as if I were holding the hand of a skeleton. His cheek bones almost protruded through the skin. But on that pale, gaunt face there was a light such as I have seldom seen on a human countenance. I did not have to be told that here was a wonderful saint.

He said, "I am glad to know you, Brother Parker. I have been

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Rev. Monroe Parker

## A Time For Desperate Action

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"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God."—Isa. 58:1, 2.

America's moral foundations are sagging. Certainly they are more shaky than ever, possibly in our history. Has there ever been a time when evil was so widespread and accepted as it is today? Those who have read American history will agree that there have been evil times in America, when sin was vile and open. But there has never been a time when there was so much religion mixed with evil.

There was never a time when the church was so accepted as it is today. In the frontier patterns of thinking and living the church had not had a chance to sink its roots deeply. People lived vigorously. They thought in hard terms. There was an austere life and as a result they were often rough and blustery. Frontier conditions were sometimes immoral and extreme; but in most cases they were not as subtly immoral as our present times are, and when religion came, it came like a thunderbolt! It came with righteousness, and it corrected situations, whereas today in our easy-going times we have come to accept evil as a part of our thinking and living. And the result? We have lost a great deal of the inner fineness and sense of what wrong and right actually are.

Therefore, I believe our plight is the greater because we have

fallen prey to the subtle sins of pleasure, profit and position, by which the great Samsonian locks of the church have been shorn, leaving the church powerless. The church ought to be the most powerful institution in all the world.

Light obeyed increaseth light,  
Light resisted bringeth night.  
Who shall give us power to choose  
If the light of life we lose?

Our power to choose is not one we have of ourselves. It is a power which is God-sent and when we refuse the light which God gives us in which to choose, we thereby forfeit the power to choose. Thus we become victims of our own vices to a point where it is impossible to gain back that which we have lost.

So while the authority of the home is relegated to Junior and the authority of the law has been weakened to such an extent that the law-enforcing agencies have not sufficient power to do their job, we are in a dilemma which I believe the church will never solve by simply multiplying devices to gain members, and to build up larger budgets. The church will never solve the world's confusion by that approach. Therefore, I take the courage to lift my voice with trumpet blasts as the prophet Isaiah told us to do. I hope



Rev. Max R. Gaulke

thus to awaken hardy souls everywhere to speak out. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isa. 58:1).

### Facts That Must Be Shouted

"Cry aloud." The prophet wasn't talking in vague terms. He was talking definitely about his times, but those times were simply a facsimile of some of the times in which you and I have the great privilege and responsibility to live. The first of these facts which applies to our times is the truth that America's homes have become godless. I don't say, "are

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS FAR BELOW GOAL

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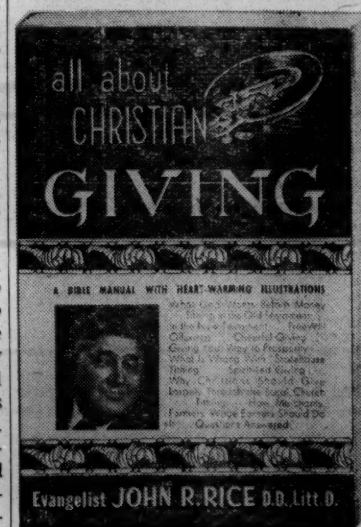
By the Editor

March 31 the present 75,000 subscription campaign for THE SWORD OF THE LORD comes to a close. Those who wish to send four or more subscriptions at the rock-bottom rate of \$1.50 per year each, and to get, free, the big 174-page book, *All About Christian Giving* with ten or more yearly subscriptions, must have their letters in the mail and postmarked before midnight, March 31.

Then will come an accounting. I must tell readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD in the April 23 SWORD (the first issue we can prepare after the returns are all in) how the campaign came out. I will have to be honest with readers then; so I must forewarn you now. This present subscription campaign appears to be failing, and what outward evidence there is indicates that we will face a humiliating defeat.

Today, March 2, the subscription campaign has been going on two months. The campaign is two-thirds over. We have received to date only about nine thousand sub-

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This big book, 176 pages, 13 chapters, free with ten yearly Subscriptions 'til March 31. Hurry!



For Young People . . .

# Miracles of Science

By the late Arthur I. Brown, M.D.

Enthralling and Curious Facts of Nature Showing the Miraculous Scientific Evidences of God's Hand in Creation. 39 Wonderful Chapters.

## CHAPTER XIX

## Cozy Beds For Tiny Seeds



The wonders of plant life are not over when summer is past. Some of the most remarkable features are seen when the leaves fall in the autumn. We look at a tree from which dead leaves are dropping to the ground and we feel a tinge of sorrow. Here is the end of life for thousands of lovely bits of foliage, but the tree itself has been making preparations for another season. It is not so concerned with its present apparently dying condition, as with preserving its beauty and vigor until next spring time when it will burst forth again into fresh beauty and power.

And this brings us to something which is truly astonishing and usually unnoticed. I am thinking of buds—winter buds—which are already in place before the leaves fall. Break off, if you will, a leaf from the shining willow and look closely at the base of the leaf stalk, using a magnifying glass preferably. What you see will be something you will not forget.

Right at the spot where the leaf was broken off, you will notice a tiny bud enclosed in a single wrapping, which is an ideal example of Nature's way of doing up a parcel. This wrapping consists of two small leaves, joined at their margins, which exactly fit into each other. You may, if you are careful, strip off this wrapping in one piece by using a needle. Then with your magnifying glass examine what the wrapper contains. Here are five or six of NEXT year's leaves, absolutely perfect, even to the branching veins and the delicate tooting at the edges. There is a space between these miniature leaves, which cannot be detected with the naked eye.

When the spring sunshine gives its warmth to these midget leaves, they will speedily grow to their full size, becoming a beautiful spray. These inner leaves surround the precious flower cluster. If you pull off a sumach leaf, a drop of milky fluid immediately fills the wound you have made, but when this is wiped away, you see a little swelling, small and pale. It is next year's leaf bud. The honey-locust covers its three or four baby leaf buds with a diminutive fur-lined chamber.

Of course, since all the tree's possibilities for the future are in these winter buds, the tree guards them most carefully. Each little package is wrapped in layers of

scales, securely gummed together, and over this is laid a coat of varnish, to keep it safe from the weather. As a further precaution, some buds are carefully lined with fur, others with cotton-like hairs. All are very snug and warm in their cradles.

Sometimes instead of scales, a little brown cap is fitted snugly over the bud, as in the sycamore tree. Everyone has seen the pussy willow's leathery hood made in one piece and lined with a silvery fur. Wild cherry buds are slender and pointed, each sitting upon a small shelf. Butternut buds also have a shelf made for them and display a hairy dirge something like eye brows. Black walnut buds are clothed in rich gray velvet.

Does the tree design these wonders for itself? To ask the question is to answer it. There is Some One behind everything we have been examining, and that Some One is God.

The leaf arrangement in all these buds of the various trees shows much diversity and yet definite plan and design. The leaves on an apple bud are set, one at a joint, on alternate sides of the twig. A line joining them is a spiral that goes twice around the twig before the sixth bud is reached directly above or below the one chosen for the starting point. This is known as the five-ranked order and is the plan adopted by the common fruit trees.

There are many leaf plans from two to thirteen and even more, the object being always to secure the best possible exposure to the sun and air.

In the early springtime when leaves and blossoms unfold, there are wonders in your garden that would seem to be possible only in Arabian Nights tales. Will you take time off next spring to watch

the hepaticas as they poke their furry hoods up through the cold ground? They do not seem to mind the temperature, and no matter how the blustery March winds blow, they soon throw back their hoods, and out come dainty flowers of pink, and lavender, and white. We see, if we look carefully, on each bush and tree, the marvels of Nature's careful packing. As the breezes gradually shake out the wrinkles, we discover that some leaves have been rolled, like a sheet of music in its case, or like a window-shade around its roller.

Some have been folded like fans, others doubled length-wise down the middle. May apple leaves look like closed umbrellas, and open out just as you open an umbrella.

Usually the manner of folding concerns the shape of the leaf. The baby leaf of the tulip tree looks as if its tip had been clipped out with two snips of a pair of scissors. The creases show how, as it slept in its bud, it was folded lengthwise down the middle, and then bent over on its stalk, until its green blade was upside down.

We are told by scientists that the tooting and pointing of leaves is in order to provide various little "tongues" for grasping and holding the rays of the sun. In Europe where there is more moisture and less sun-shine than here, the leaves are much more notched than ours.

If you look on a hot summer day when the sun's rays are very penetrating, you will see that the leaves are poised edgewise to the sky. This tends to keep the leaf from becoming parched and withered.

In the southwestern part of the states is a curious plant known as the compass flower or pilot weed, which cleverly avoids the hot rays by pointing its leaves north and south, and training them edgewise to the sky.

No wonder that Longfellow wrote in Evangeline:

"Patience," the priest would say, "have faith and thy prayer shall be answered."

Look at this delicate plant, that lifts its head from the meadow. See how its leaves all point to the north as true as the magnet.

It is the compass flower, that the finger of God hath suspended here on its fragile stalk, to direct the traveler's journey.

Over the sea-like, pathless, limitless waste of the desert. Such, in the soul of man, is faith."

So wrote Longfellow.

An old philosopher once exclaimed: "What a thought that was when God thought of a tree!" Yes, this is true. Any tree is a thought of God, originating in an atom of seed, deriving its vitality from Heaven, its juices from the earth, its food from the air, its color from the sunbeam, and manufacturing its several parts by the mysterious power of its own vitality.

Here is a concourse of contrivances and properties and functions such as never would have entered the mind of man had not God set it in living form before him.

What must our conception be of the unerring Mind that contrived a hundred thousand contrasting plants and trees, differing in their size from the invisible lichen of the naked rock to the enormous banyan tree of India, large enough to shelter beneath its shade an army of men; differing in their age limits from the ephemeral "flower of the grass," to the mighty Redwood of California, which if it could speak, might tell us of events which transpired 5,000 years ago. Trees differ in the structure of their roots, in the form of their leaves, in the texture of their stems, in their flowers, seeds and fruits, in the rapidity of their growth, in their circulation and decay, in their manner of absorbing and reflecting the heat of the sun, and in a multitude of other particulars. In this kingdom we behold a diversity which is almost endless.

Turning our attention from this aspect to the divine Mind, responsible for it all, we know that in this Mind must have been a vast storehouse of glorious ideas and designs, the plans perfect and complete, before the omnipotent



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command went forth to clothe the earth with verdure. No difficulty was unsurmounted, no part of the divine purposes failed, no tree or plant or blade of grass came short of its designed perfection.

Is there any wonder then that on the evening of that glorious Third Day of creation, God pronounced all His work very good? But God would have us learn other lessons besides the wisdom and might of His creative power. In Matthew 6:28-34, Jesus brings to us a great Truth when He spoke these words:

"Why are ye anxious concerning raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? BE NOT THEREFORE ANXIOUS, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Where-withal shall we be clothed? (For after all THESE things do the Gentiles seek;) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of

God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Be not therefore anxious for the morrow, for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Is it possible for us to arrive at a place in life where all anxiety is unknown? Can we in any way discover and appropriate this security and peace of mind which nothing can destroy? If such an attainment is possible, it seems to me that it is one of the most desirable of all quests.

How may we get to this place of restfulness and constant supply of our needs? The way our Lord speaks of it, it is very simple. Listen.

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Today I'm taking Him at His word, and I'm glad to tell you I've found the promised rest. It is for you, too. Many of you are rejoicing in this now. Many of you long for it, but have not yet carried out the one condition. You must fall at His feet, and take Him as Saviour. Why not, just where you are at this moment bow and surrender? You will never regret it.

(From the book, MIRACLES OF SCIENCE. Out of print.)

## Preaching ~ Power ~ Promotion



"... the word of the Lord. . . Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."—Zech. 4:6

By Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall  
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### I. Over \$7,000 Per Month

We did not do our best on the building fund during February. We must have over \$7,000 per month if we are to meet that \$44,000 final payment due on location August 1, 1954. We came through January with that amount in hand for that month—but not in February.

Let's send in those dollars so we will not have such a big load in July.

Do it for Jesus' sake! Doxology! Come on—NOW—March, April, May, June, July!

### II. Easy to Overestimate

It is easy for us to think we are more advanced than we are. While serving as a State evangelistic director in my native state, to my surprise, I kept hearing of un-churched sections. I had thought the State well churched. Some thought it overchurched. We made a careful state-wide survey and found over 150 churchless areas and communities. We moved to put churches in those areas. More people were won to Christ (the object of it all), and more money was given to missions, while the people were happier than I had ever known them to be. Doxology!

### III. Young Leaders Eager

I recently addressed a group of young, college-student preachers. The text was Acts 5:42, the text of my ministry for many years. I showed some of the things the Bible has to say about the church in Matthew, Acts, Ephesians,

Timothy, etc. I told them how I saw it all work out in growing pastorates.

They lingered after the regular session. For instance, they wanted to know about the Sunday 6:30 p.m. training group—the officers, the program, the groups, how it helped build the night worship service and helped furnish trained leaders for churches that doubled, tripled, and quadrupled in membership.

How true it is that many churches, colleges, and even some seminaries fail to teach young people the "know how" in the greatest work in the world!

### IV. Young People

Why do young people leave some churches?

1. Because some churches do not have enough of the Gospel, the spirit of sacrifice, love, loyalty, courage to hold young people.

2. Because young people have God-given energy and the average church program does not call for the expenditure of as much energy as does a baseball game.

3. Because of the way some adults act in the church.

4. Because some young people are selfish, with a carnal nature to which they yield.

### V. It Works

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# SPURGEON ON PSALM I

A Commentary by Charles H. Spurgeon

**TITLE.**—This Psalm may be regarded as THE PRE-FACE PSALM, having in it a notification of the contents of the entire Book. It is the psalmist's desire to teach us the way to blessedness, and to warn us of the sure destruction of sinners. This then, is the matter of the first Psalm, which may be looked upon, in some respects, as the text upon which the whole of the Psalms make up a divine sermon.

**DIVISION.**—This Psalm consists of two parts: in the first (from verse 1 to the end of the 3rd) David sets out wherein the felicity and blessedness of a godly man consisteth, what his exercises are, and what blessings he shall receive from the Lord. In the second part (from verse 4 to the end) he contrasts the state and character of the ungodly, reveals the future, and describes, in telling language, his ultimate doom.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

"**BLESSED**" — see how this Book of Psalms opens with a benediction, even as did the famous sermon of our Lord upon the Mount! The word translated "blessed" is a very expressive one. The original word is plural, and it is a controverted matter whether it is an adjective or a substantive. Hence we may learn the multiplicity of the blessings which shall rest upon the man whom God hath justified, and the perfection and greatness of the blessedness he shall enjoy. We might read it, "Oh, the blessedness!" and we may well regard it (as Ainsworth does) as a joyful acclamation of the gracious man's felicity. May the like benediction rest on us!

Here the gracious man is described both negatively (verse 1) and positively (verse 2). He is a man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly. He takes wiser counsel, and walks in the commandments of the Lord his God. To him the ways of piety are paths of peace and pleasantness. His footsteps are ordered by the Word of God, and not by the cunning and wicked devices of carnal men. It is a rich sign of inward grace when the outward walk is changed, and when ungodliness is put far from our actions. Note next, he standeth not in the way of sinners. His company is of a choicer sort than it was. Although a sinner himself, he is now a blood-washed sinner, quickened by the Holy Spirit, and renewed in heart. Standing by the rich grace of God in the congregation of the righteous, he dares not herd with the multitude that do evil. Again it is said, "nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." He finds no rest in the atheists' scoffings. Let others make a mock of sin, of eternity, of Hell and Heaven, and of the Eternal God; this man has learned better philosophy than that of the infidel, and has too much sense of God's presence to endure to hear His name blasphemed. The seat of the scorner may be very lofty, but it is very near to the gate of Hell; let us flee from it, for it shall soon be empty, and destruction shall swallow up the man who sits therein. Mark the gradation in the first verse:

He walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,

Nor SITTETH in the SEAT of SCORNFUL.

When men are living in sin they go from bad to worse. At first they merely walk in the counsel of the careless and ungodly, who forget God—the evil is rather practical than habitual—but after that, they become habituated to evil, and they stand in the way of open sinners who wilfully violate God's commandments; and if let alone, they go one step further, and become themselves pestilent teachers and tempters of others, and thus they sit in the seat of the scornful. They have taken their degree in vice, and as true Doctors of Damnation they are installed, and are looked up to by others as Masters in Belial. But the blessed man, the man to whom all the

blessings of God belong, can hold no communion with such characters as these. He keeps himself pure from these lepers; he puts away evil things from him as garments spotted by the flesh; he comes out from among the wicked, and goes without the camp, bearing the reproach of Christ. O for grace to be thus separate from sinners.

And now mark his positive character. "His delight is in the law of the Lord." He is not under the law as a curse and condemnation, but he is in it, and he delights to be in it as his rule of life; he delights, moreover, to meditate in it, to read it by day, and think upon it by night. He takes a text and carries it with him all day long; and in the night-watches, when sleep forsakes his eyelids, he museth upon the Word of God. In the day of his prosperity he sings psalms out of the Word of God, and in the night of his affliction he comforts himself with promises out of the same Book. "The law of the Lord" is the daily bread of the true believer. And yet, in David's day, how small was the volume of inspiration, for they had scarcely anything save the first five books of Moses! How much more, then, should we prize the whole written Word which it is our privilege to have in all our houses! But, alas, what ill-treatment is given to this angel from Heaven! We are not all Berean searchers of the Scriptures. How few among us can lay claim to the benediction of the text! Perhaps some of you can claim a sort of negative purity, because you do not walk in the way of the ungodly; but let me ask you—Is your delight in the law of God? Do you study God's Word? Do you make it the man of your right hand—your best companion and hourly guide? If not, this blessing belongeth not to you.

"3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

"And he shall be like a tree planted;" not a wild tree, but "a tree planted," chosen, considered as property, cultivated and secured from the last terrible uprooting, for "every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." Matthew 15:13. "By the rivers of water;" so that even if one river should fail, he hath another. The rivers of pardon and the rivers of grace, the rivers of the promise and the rivers of the communion with Christ, are never-failing sources of supply. He is "like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;" not unseasonable graces, like untimely figs, which are never full-flavored. But the man who delights in God's Word, being taught by it, bringeth forth patience in the time of suffering, faith in the day of trial, and holy joy in the hour of prosperity. Fruitfulness is an essential quality of a gracious man, and that fruitfulness should be seasonable. "His leaf also shall not wither;" his faintest word shall be everlasting; his little deeds of love shall be had in remembrance. Not simply shall his fruit be preserved, but his leaf also. He shall neither lose his



C. H. Spurgeon

beauty nor his fruitfulness. "And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Blessed is the man who hath such a promise as this. But we must not always estimate the fulfillment of a promise by our own eye-sight. How often, my brethren, if we judge by feeble sense, may we come to the mournful conclusion of Jacob, "All these things are against me!" For though we know our interest in the promise, yet are we so tried and troubled, that sight sees the very reverse of what that promise foretells. But to the eye of faith this word is sure, and by it we perceive that our works are prospered, even then everything seems to go against us. It is not outward prosperity which the Christian most desires and values;

it is soul prosperity which he longs for. We often, like Jehoshaphat, make ships to go to Tarshish for gold, but they are broken at Ezion-geber; but even here there is a true prospering, for it is often for the soul's health that we should be poor, bereaved, and persecuted. Our worst things are often our best things. As there is a curse wrapped up in the wicked man's mercies, so there is a blessing concealed in the righteous man's crosses, losses, and sorrows. The trials of the saint are a divine husbandry, by which he grows and brings forth abundant fruit.

"4. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away."

We have now come to the second head of the Psalm. In this verse the contrast of the ill estate of the wicked is employed to heighten the coloring of that fair and pleasant picture which precedes it. The more forcible translation of the Vulgate and of the Septuagint version is—"Not so the ungodly, not so." And we are hereby to understand that whatever good thing is said of the righteous is not true in the case of the ungodly. Oh! how terrible is it to have a double negative put upon the promises! and yet this is just the condition of the ungodly. Mark the use of the term "ungodly," for, as we have seen in the opening of the Psalm, these are the beginners in evil, and are the least offensive of sinners. Oh! if such is the sad state of those who quietly continue in their morality, and neglect their God, what must be the condition of open sinners and shameless infidels? The first sentence is a negative description of the ungodly, and the second is the positive picture. Here is their character—"they are like chaff," intrinsically worthless, dead, unserviceable, without substance, and easily carried away. Here, also, mark their doom—"the wind" (Continued on page 6)

With this test in mind, it will be perfectly easy for men to know whether they have faith in Him or not. God says, for example, that it shall be well with the righteous and ill with the wicked. Do you believe this to be according to fact? God declares that He will receive the righteous into glorious habitations and that He will punish the wicked in the pool of fire. Do you believe this to be true? God says that if we commit our works to Him, our thoughts shall be established. Do you believe this to be true? He says that if we ask, we shall receive; if we seek, we shall find; that if we knock, the door shall be opened, and goes on to say that everyone who asks receives, and that those who seek find, and that to those that knock, the doors are opened. Do you believe this to be true?

It is to be feared that many persons say they have faith in God because they know they ought to trust Him, when in fact they do not do so. This is a dangerous situation. No one should tarry in it for an hour.

Impossible to Please Him

It is remarkable how men enjoy being trusted. How many times (Continued on page 6)

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Here is another of the clearly expressed conditions of successful prayer. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6). It is strange that we stumble over the simplest things in Christian life. What is faith? It is said that a lad, being asked, replied: "Faith is believing things that are not true." Of course this would do for a boy, but do not a great many persons who are out of childhood have an ill-defined feeling that this is about the sum of that matter?

I read in one of my books a definition which I like very much. It ran this way: "Faith is a disposition to believe what is true, upon sufficient evidence." Another one has said: "Faith is confidence impersonated." One of the words which we often use as equivalent to "faith" is "trust." When I say that I have faith in a man, I simply mean that I trust him. In our dealings with God, we shall often obtain help if we remember that we are made in His likeness. This means in His spiritual likeness, certainly not in His physical likeness, for God is a spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. If we are spiritually created in the image of God, then barring sin and the effects of sin, we may expect to find in our own being, hints and suggestions as to His. If exercising faith in a man is trusting him, exercising faith in God is trusting God.

### Let Us Go on a Little

When I trust a man, what do I do? I believe what he tells me to be true and that he will fulfil the promises which he makes. If I say that I trust him and do not expect him to keep his word or do not rely upon what he has said, I am telling a lie. It is just so with God. Trusting God is believing, expecting that He will keep His word, that what He says is true, is according to fact.

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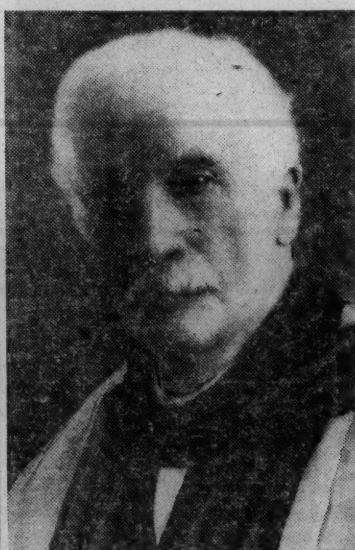
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# WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

Since January 27th, Dr. HYMAN APPLEMAN, internationally known evangelist has been holding successful meetings in the Latin American cities of San Jose, Costa Rica and Managua, Nicaragua, with hundreds of conversions reported nightly. These revivals are being held under the sponsorship of the pastors and people of the evangelical churches in those places.

The very first night of the meeting at San Jose, the crowd filled the Templo Biblico, where services were held. Music was provided by the highly-trained choir of the First Methodist Church. After the first three nights, Dr. Appleman reports that the 2,000-capacity auditorium was overflowed at every service. Among the regular attendants were the students of the Instituto Idioma, the school of foreign languages. In addition to Spanish services, the evangelist held other services daily in English for the benefit of English-speaking merchants, missionaries and others.

It is reported that every evening 150 to 200 conversions were recorded, an astounding record considering the fact that the sermons were preached through an interpreter. Converts came from all classes of society, from the very poorest to the very wealthy who came expensively dressed and heavily bejeweled.

On February 8, Dr. Appleman went on to Managua, Nicaragua, where results during the first week are reported to be as excellent as those in Costa Rica, with more than 100 conversions at each service. The meetings are being held on the campus of the Baptist College (Colegio Bautista) of Managua where students and faculty alike are giving enthusiastic support to the revival.

Dr. Appleman states that a high point of the campaign has been the fellowship with North American missionaries in Costa Rica and Nicaragua. In both places pastors urged that the revival meetings be extended, but the very close schedule makes this impossible.

At the close of the Managua meeting, Dr. Appleman will continue his evangelistic trip to Vera Cruz, Mexico where he will preach for ten days before going on to Mexico City for the closing two weeks of this Latin American Crusade.

## E. J. Daniels Experiences Great Victory in British Honduras

Our beloved friend and fine evangelist, E. J. Daniels, recently closed a great meeting in Belize, British Honduras. Though the meeting was sponsored by the Queen Street Baptist Church, it

attracted people from all faiths, with many local ministers in regular attendance. Ellis Zehr was songleader for the campaign. *The Belize Billboard* reports: "From five o'clock yesterday afternoon the crowd began to arrive at the Memorial Park to attend the last of the Belize for Christ Revival services, which was scheduled to commence at 8:15. It is believed that the crowd, estimated at 10,000, was the largest ever to assemble in British Honduras. Some forty to fifty thousand attended this campaign during the thirteen nights it was held, 621 signed a card declaring they were converted in the meetings."

In a letter from Dr. Daniels, he tells that twenty-one others were saved at Victory Rally, bringing the total to 642. Each of these new converts were dealt with carefully in after-meetings. "Over one hundred of those saved were Roman Catholics," Dr. Daniels says. (See picture of crowd.)

Sword of the Lord **EVANGELIST EDDIE WAGNER** conducted a wonderful revival campaign with the First Baptist Church of Tipton, Indiana, January 19 through 31. The Rev. J. Franklin Arthur is pastor of this thriving work. There were 57 conversions, 50 rededications, and 75 families to begin daily devotions during this revival campaign. In addition to this, there were 23 young people who dedicated their lives to the service of the Lord and over a hundred other decisions of various kinds. There were four or five hours of continuous prayer each day for the revival, and the Lord richly blessed all through the campaign.

Sword of the Lord **EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS** recently held an evangelistic campaign in the Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, Michigan, Rev. C. E. Vashinder, the pastor writes telling of 11 professed conversions along with several baptisms and reconsecrations. Sunday School attendance went to an all-time high during the campaign. Brother Wells has been highly commended by the pastor who said, "I can recommend Dr. Wells as a man of God and a fine evangelist."

Sword of the Lord **EVANGELIST JIMMIE THRELFALL** has just conducted a revival campaign with the Grace Gospel Church of Lakemont, Pennsylvania. This is a small church but God gave some wonderful victories during the meeting. There were seven conversions, one rededication, and two families pledged to have daily devotions. Two of the church's active members were saved! They were brothers, heads of families. One was a Sunday School teacher and

taking courses in the Altoona Bible Institute, and both of them helped lead the singing for the services. Rev. Ralph V. Jones is the pastor of this fine church.

Sword of the Lord **EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS** had a wonderful revival campaign with the Sebewa Baptist Church of Lake Odessa, Michigan. Because of some difficulty in the past, some of the church members felt it was not wise to try to have another revival campaign. But the Lord worked in such a wonderful way that the entire church was working for souls before the meetings ended. There were forty conversions, three families to begin daily altars, and twenty-five rededications. Rev. Fred Dickinson is the pastor of this good work.

Evangelist Wells has just completed a revival campaign with the Campus Baptist Church of Ames, Iowa. Rev. Willard J. Martz is the pastor of this church where there were twenty-two conversions, fifteen rededications, and three families to begin a family altar. In this revival many students of Iowa State College were contacted, and it was felt that a great deal was accomplished for Christ that did not appear on the surface during the meetings.

Sword of the Lord **EVANGELIST JOE B. RICE** conducted a revival campaign in Lost Creek, Kentucky, December 1 through 13, and we are still hearing fine reports of this campaign. The Rev. G. E. Drushal, President of the Riverside Christian Training School Incorporated, writes that this was "one of the very best revival meetings we have ever had. The fellowship with Brother Joe was very fine and spiritual, and his visitation work was very good, and his sermons very ap-

pealing. Somehow he got the mind and will of the people with good attendance even on rainy nights, and the interest was fine. Brother Joe is to be commended... The Holy Spirit was with us in a remarkable way with sinners crying out for salvation and folks reconcentrating their lives to the Lord. There were all totaled forty-five confessions and the after results of the meeting are very good. We had conversions all the way from eight to seventy years old and... since the meeting our attendance at Sunday services has been better than we have ever had before."

(If you would like to have Evangelist Joe B. Rice in your church for a campaign, write immediately to Bill Rice, Director Sword Staff of Evangelists, 214 West Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois.)

**EVANGELIST RALPH M. DAVIDSON** of Coffeyville, Kansas, recently closed an eleven-day meeting at the Church of the Open Door in Little Rock, Arkansas. Several accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and many Christian decisions were made. Pastor John E. Livingston highly recommends him as a great soul winner and church evangelist.

**EVANGELIST JOSEPH BROOKSHIRE** and team of Lexington, Kentucky send a report of a revival they conducted in a United Church Crusade in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania. The meetings were held in the St. Marks Evangelical Brethren Church where many decisions were made.

**EVANGELIST FREDDIE GAGE** and singer Jimmy Snelen held an eight day revival in the City Auditorium of Bowie, Texas, sponsored by the Southside Baptist Church. In all, 72 persons were reported saved.

## News From B. J. U.

The Editor's Distinguished Friend, Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Tells of God's Blessing This Year on Bob Jones University

THE SWORD OF THE LORD is interested in all out-and-out Christian schools, and the editor is officially connected with three of them. One school especially dear to our hearts is Bob Jones University at Greenville, South Carolina. There some eleven hundred ministerial students are required to read THE SWORD OF THE LORD and to report weekly on two sermons from its pages. We are always glad at the high standards of Christian culture, the unfaltering stand for old-time Bible Christianity and the splendid character training for Christian leadership given there.

The editor gives here a letter written January 25, which we intended to publish before, but it has been crowded out by pressing matters. We know that our friends will rejoice in this good word from Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., the distinguished evangelist and founder of Bob Jones University.

Dr. John R. Rice  
214 West Wesley Street  
Wheaton, Illinois

My dear Dr. Rice:

You, as a friend and a member of the Board of Trustees of Bob Jones University, will be interested in the following report:

You will remember last year we reported to the Board that we had matriculated approximately 3,000 students. I did not at that time have in my hand the exact count of the enrollment. Mr. Mumme, our present registrar, has given us a recount; and he reports that we matriculated 2,903. This is, of course, approximately 3,000.

We announced before school closed last year that we were going to make an effort to cut down our dormitory enrollment about two hundred. The pressure, however, was so great that we simply could not reduce the enrollment that much; but we did reduce it almost one hundred.

I have checked with Dr. Stenholm, the dean of the School of Religion; and he says that we have in my class of practical instruction for preachers just about 1,100 students. Dr. Stenholm also reports that we have 800 missionary volunteers. This does not mean that 800 of our students will go to the foreign field. It does mean that 800 have volunteered for foreign mission work if the Lord leads them along that line. Dr. Stenholm says he is positive that at least 400 of the present student body will, if the Lord tarries, go to the foreign field.

I am glad to tell you that we have never had in the history of Bob Jones University a year as wonderful as this. You, as an evangelist and the editor of a great evangelical periodical like THE SWORD OF THE LORD and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Bob Jones University, know how the Devil is attacking in a very strange and subtle way all evangelistic, evangelical centers of testimony. He has been very vicious in his attack through the years on Bob Jones University; but we praise God that He always makes the wrath of men to praise Him; and every time he attacks us, we make a stronger effort to strengthen the spiritual walls around the school. As chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bob

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## 1953 Film Awards

The National Evangelical Film Foundation, announcing 1953 film awards, names Mrs. Katherine Stenholm, director of Unusual Films for Bob Jones University, as the Christian film "director of the year."

The Bob Jones University musical film, "Heavenly Harmonies," received first place in its class, while Moody Bible Institute scored first in a children's film with "David and Saul," and first in a sermon film with "Prior Claim."

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Part of crowd gathered to hear Evangelist E. J. Daniels in Belize, British Honduras, where 642 people were saved during the thirteen-day campaign.



# Noteworthy NEWS Notes

## Billy Graham Schedules Meeting in Berlin

Evangelist Billy Graham has scheduled an inter-church rally next June in the huge Olympic Stadium at Berlin, Germany, which has a capacity of 100,000, according to Executive Secretary Noel O. Lyons of the Greater Europe Mission. Fifty Protestant churchmen have agreed to sponsor this rally.

Robert P. Evans, European director of the Mission, has relinquished his teaching duties at the European Bible Institute in Paris, France, to direct the advance work for the Graham party in setting up weekend meetings in ten strategic cities on the continent, following the London evangelistic crusade. They include, besides Berlin, Dortmund, Germany; Copenhagen, Denmark; Oslo, Norway; Stockholm, Sweden; Paris, and four other cities not yet announced.

## "Keswick" Convention Planned for Chicago

A "Keswick" convention for the

Chicago area is being planned for October 23-31 in the Moody Memorial Church, according to a council of evangelical ministers recently formed. The program has already listed as speakers interdenominational Christian leaders from England, Canada, and all parts of the United States. Meetings especially for youth will be addressed by British Evangelist Tom Rees.

## G.A.R.B.C. Conference to Be May 10-13

The twenty-third annual conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches will be held May 10-13 in the Moody Memorial Church, Chicago. The conference is based on the theme, "For the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ," and will feature as speakers; Dr. R. T. Ketcham, Rev. J. M. Stowell, Dr. Kenneth R. Kinney and Dr. John Dunkin. For further information write 431 S. Dearborn, Suite 1205, Chicago 5, Illinois.

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"I guess so," answered the young man.

"Well, can you polish all the silver, wash the dishes, and keep the house neat and tidy?"

"Say, parson," said the young fellow. "I came here to see about getting married—but if it's going to be as much work as all that, you can count me out right now."

—The Watchman-Examiner

ARE YOU A "PILLAR" IN YOUR CHURCH, OR A "CATER-PILLAR?"

### GOD'S INFLEXIBLE PLAN

There was a certain sublimity about that act of the astronomers, who, at Aiken, S. C., left the stone, on which their meridian circle rested in observing the last transit of Venus, to stand for the use of those who, in June, 2004, shall need to watch another transit. Think of it—the faith of science in the inflexible order of nature! One hundred and twenty-two years later—three times within that space a generation will have perished; thrones will have been emptied of occupant after occupant; empires will have passed away; changes, whose number and gravity are too great now to be conceived, will have taken place; nay, human history may have come to its great last crisis and the millennial march may have begun: but punctual to a second, without delay or failure, Venus will make her transit across the sun's disc. So, while scoffers sneer and doubters question, while empires vanish and nations perish, prophecy moves steadily onward, and nears its grand fulfillment. To a second of time and to the last minute jot or tittle of detail, the prophetic word shall be fulfilled.

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By Grace Rice MacMullen

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  3. The pleasure of working
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  6. The power of kindness
  7. The influence of example
  8. The obligation of duty
  9. The wisdom of economy
  10. The virtue of patience
  11. The improvement of talent
  12. The joy of originating
- "And what," you are thinking, "does that have to do with music?" You'd be surprised at how many of them do have an application to music! And I don't mean such superficial things as to say, about the first one—what's music without time! May I mention three of these sound points that should be considered carefully by the Christian who loves music, and particularly one who has some measure of ability in music?

First of all, consider number 11. The improvement of talent. Maybe you've always divided all people into two kinds, the talented—those who were well-trained and could get up and give a solo with no trembling or concern; and the untalented—that large group of people who say, "Oh, no, I couldn't play in public. Get Jane—she's much better than I am." Perhaps it's time to stop and re-evaluate our way of judging. Talent is ability—whether little or much. Every talent carries with it obligation. If your talent is unusual, your obligation is large. But if your talent is not as remarkable as some others, you still have a responsibility for using it.

paths, cooking, dishwashing, and ever so many more. There is a lot to be done. We plan to get ten or twelve more cabins built, besides a tabernacle. At present, the dining hall erected last year has doubled for meeting and eating.

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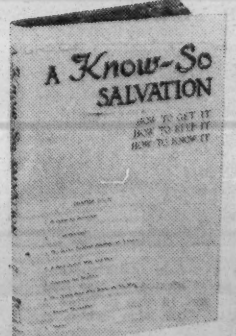
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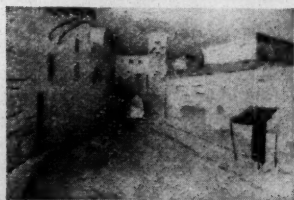
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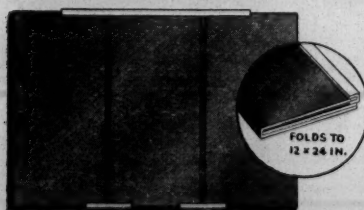
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## Avoid Anxiety For Riches

Charles H. Spurgeon

Do not be over-anxious about riches. Get as much of true wisdom and goodness as you can; but be satisfied with a very moderate portion of this world's goods. Riches may prove a curse as well as a blessing.

I was walking through an orchard looking about me, when I saw a low tree laden more heavily with fruit than the rest. On a nearer examination, it appeared that the tree had been dragged to the very earth, and broken by the weight of its treasures. "Oh," I said, gazing on the tree, "here lies one who has been ruined by his riches."

In another part of my walk, I came up with a shepherd who was lamenting the loss of a sheep that lay mangled and dead at his feet. On inquiring about the matter, he told me that a strange dog had attacked the flock, that the rest of the sheep had got away through a hole in the hedge, but that the ram now dead had more wool on his back than the rest, and the thorns of the hedge held him

fast till the dog had worried him. "Here is another," said I, "ruined by his riches."

At the close of my ramble, I met a man hobbling along on two wooden legs, leaning on two crutches. "Tell me," said I, "my poor fellow, how you came to lose your legs."

"Why, sir," said he, "in my younger days I was a soldier. With a few comrades, I attacked a party of the enemy, and overcame them, and we began to overload ourselves with spoil. I burdened myself with as much as I could carry. We were pursued. My companions escaped, but I was overtaken and so cruelly wounded, that I only saved my life afterwards by losing my legs. It was a bad affair, sir, but it is too late to repent of it now."

"Ah, friend," thought I, "like the fruit of the tree and the mangled sheep, you may date your downfall to your possessions. It was your riches that ruined you."

## Preaching, Power and Promotion

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ty-five per cent of our work has been with younger pastors. They are growing. They thrill in successes and take keenly defeats. They want to know. It has been a joy to help them.

A repeated question from pastor and layman has been, "Will it work?"

Will Jesus save anywhere?

Can His church be built here?

Is it possible to have a really functioning church without "squabbles" blasting it?

Unbelief, sin, will limit the work of God (Romans 3:3; Mark 6:5, 6; Psalm 66:18).

Yet, we have proofs all around that God will not let unbelief, sin, defeat His purposes.

Jesus will save anywhere on this earth where people are lost. He did in olden days. God wills to give revival anywhere. Paul went into heathen cities steeped in sin. He had no church organization at first in Corinth, Philippi, Thessalonica, and other places; yet Jesus saved and God gave revival.

The first church was "all with one accord" the time the Holy Spirit came (Acts 2:1).

I have had some pretty tough church fields and some fairly easy ones (if ever they are easy). I have never had one where Jesus didn't save. Since seminary days I have never had a field where God didn't give real revival, or where the Spirit failed to save us from a single church fuss.

Proof: The first field was Lyon-Jonestown-Coahoma. Lyon is the oldest church in the Mississippi delta. The first mission offering there went from a girl, Mary Prince. I did my own preaching. God gave right at a twenty per cent increase to the membership. They gave largely to missions. The other two likewise. From the time I was called, until I resigned, we had not one semblance of a church fuss. (There was a slight flurry after I had resigned.) Time: four years.

Next, I went to Jackson, Mississippi, where I saw a church grow from 275 members to over 1,100 (not book members either). Time: eight years. We had not one church fuss. God gave perennial revival.

Third, at Philadelphia, Mississippi, for nearly five years we had two or three great revivals—not one church fuss.

Fourth, for two years in Chicago, not a semblance of a church fuss. One great revival with 150 conversions, 250 dedications.

How came such records of revivals, soul saving, and unity?

First, I did all the fussing myself. Nobody else needed to do any. We had 364 days of thanksgiving, and one day for grumbling. Second, the folks were kept busy and happy in Him—two and three revivals a year, visitation, Bible study, building, etc. Third, everybody was treated right. Fourth, we had no hobbies, or heresies to put over. Fifth, everybody was

somebody in Christ. Sixth, newcomers were gone after, the sick and troubled were looked after. Seventh, love was put where Jesus put it. (John 13:34, 35). Some other things were put down where the Word of God puts them (Gal. 5:17-21). It worked! It works!

## VI.

## A Good Book

Another good book comes to hand in the new volume, *Simple Sermons for Saints and Sinners*. The author is Dr. Herschel Ford, the gifted pastor of First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas—with over 5,000 members and still growing. I like this book of readable and preachable and enjoyable sermons as among the best I have read. Preachers and laymen will appreciate it.

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"If I Were Satan."

## VII.

## Practical Things

More services of worship are probably marred by long, drawn-out announcements than from any other cause. I confess they bothered me in the pastorate particularly. We print them in the bulletin and then read them in the service. Why? Surely, not because the people cannot read. The people know they will get them anyway, so they form the habit of not reading the bulletin. Make that bulletin so interesting they will not miss reading it. Let them know that only in the bulletin will they get certain food.

Pastors of smaller churches sometimes plan for long revival services as two-three weeks, which their people will not support in attendance and cannot support financially. As a pastor, I had rather have a good hot eight-day meeting, Sunday through Sunday, after plenty of preparation, leaving the people wanting more, than a lazily, drawn-out two-three weeks' meeting with not much happening, the evangelist leaving "broke" and broken, the people flat and glad it is over.

Think on these things!

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## Spurgeon On Psalm I

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driveth away;" death shall hurry them with its terrible blast into the fire in which they shall be utterly consumed.

"5. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous."

They shall stand there to be judged, but not to be acquitted. Fear shall lay hold upon them there; they shall not stand their ground; they shall flee away; they shall not stand in their own defence; for they shall blush and be covered with eternal contempt.

Well may the saints long for Heaven, for no evil men shall dwell there, "nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous." All our congregations upon earth are mixed. Every Church has one devil in it. The tares grow in the same furrows as the wheat. There is no floor which is as yet thoroughly purged from chaff. Sinners mix with saints, as dross mingles with gold. God's precious diamonds still lie in the same field with pebbles. Righteous Lots are this side Heaven continually vexed by the men of Sodom. Let us rejoice then, that in "the general assembly and church of the first-born" above, there shall by no means be admitted a single unrenewed soul. Sinners cannot live in Heaven. They would be out of their element. Sooner could a fish live upon a tree than the wicked in Paradise. Heaven would be an intolerable Hell to an impenitent man, even if he could be allowed

Bishop Phillips Brooks said, "Do not pray for easy lives: pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers: pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work will be no miracle, but you will be a miracle. Every day you will wonder at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God."

to enter; but such a privilege shall never be granted to the man who perseveres in his iniquities. May God grant that we may have a name and a place in his courts above!

"6. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

Or, as the Hebrew hath it yet more fully, "The Lord is knowing the way of the righteous." He is constantly looking on their way, and though it may be often in mist and darkness, yet the Lord knoweth it. If it be in the clouds and tempest of affliction, he understandeth it. He numbereth the hairs of our head; he will not suffer any evil to befall us. "He knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. (Job 23:10.)" "But the way of the ungodly shall perish." Not only shall they perish themselves, but their way shall perish too. The righteous carves his name upon the rock, but the wicked writes his remembrance in the sand. The righteous man ploughs the furrows of earth, and sows a harvest here, which shall never be fully reaped till he enters the enjoyments of eternity; but as for the wicked, he ploughs the sea, and though there may seem to be a shining trail behind his keel, yet the waves shall pass over it, and the place that knew him shall know him no more for ever. The very "way" of the ungodly shall perish. If it exists in remembrance, it shall be in the remembrance of the bad; for the Lord will cause the name of the wicked to rot, to become a stench in the nostrils of the good, and to be only known to the wicked themselves by its putridity.

May the Lord cleanse our hearts and our ways, that we may escape the doom of the ungodly, and enjoy the blessedness of the righteous!

(From THE TREASURY OF DAVID, by Spurgeon.)

## "Without Faith It Is Impossible..."

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I have seen the good son or daughter of a good father or mother brighten when the father or mother has said, "I can trust my boy or girl." Many times tears fill the eyes of the child. He is so glad that his parents confide in him and parents are just as pleased when their children rely, without doubt or hesitation, upon their word.

I read years ago of a father whose son was absent at school. Coming home for a brief vacation, he was going over the estate with his father and while looking upon a wall which had been standing on a portion of it, the father remarked to the boy that he intended to have that wall taken down.

The lad said, "Father, I would like to see it taken down. Will you let me be here when it is taken down?"

The father replied, "Yes, my boy, I will."

The lad returned to his school life and the father, in the rush of affairs forgot his promise and had the wall removed while the boy was away. When the lad returned, he said to his father, noticing that the wall was gone, "Father, you told me that I might see that wall taken down."

The father replied, "Yes, my boy, I did. I forgot. I am sorry, but you shall see a wall taken down though I forgot my promise."

He called for laborers and had the wall re-erected. Then he had it removed while his boy looked on. A neighbor, conversant with the facts, said to him, "You are a born fool. You have spent one hundred pounds for the whim of a child," but that wise father replied, "I wish my children to know that I keep my word with them if it costs me everything I am worth in this world."

So God is pleased when men trust Him and the more simple and unquestioning their confidence, the more gratified He is. It is impossible to please Him without faith, but faith pleases Him wonderfully.

## Mr. Moody's Prayer Answered

A friend recently told me a story which I had never heard before, respecting D. L. Moody. One day he had need of \$3,000. It was during the campaign of World's Fair year (1893). Things were very pressing and his need at that time was imperative. My friend said that he knelt down by the desk in his room at the Bible Institute in Chicago and prayed thus, "Lord, you know I need \$3,000 today,—that I must have it, and you know that I am too busy with your work to go out and get it. Please send it to me. I thank you that you will. Amen."

Mr. Moody then rose and went out about his work. He was preaching in the auditorium. The audience had assembled; the platform was filled. A young woman came up to an usher and said, "I wish to see Mr. Moody."

He said, "You cannot see Mr. Moody. The meeting is about to begin."

She said, "But I must see Mr. Moody."

He said, "You cannot see Mr. Moody."

She went around to another aisle and tried another usher, with the same result. She then went around to the stage entrance, found her way through, the usher thinking her to be a singer, worked her way down to the front and put an envelope into Mr. Moody's hand. He crushed it into his vest pocket, and went on with his meeting.

At dinner he remembered that he had received that letter at the meeting, took it out of his pocket, and found it to contain a check for \$3,000. This was the answer to his prayer. He afterward learned that that morning a Christian woman said to herself, "These are busy days for Mr. Moody. He must require a great deal of money" and she made out a check for \$1,000. After she had written it, the Spirit said to her, "That will not be sufficient. He will need more money

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## "Without Faith It Is Impossible..."

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than that." So she tore it up and made out a check of \$2,000. This did not seem to satisfy. Still she felt sure that it was not sufficient, so she destroyed the slip of paper and wrote another for \$3,000, enveloped it, called her maid and said, "Will you please put this in the postbox over there?" But just as the maid was about to leave the room, she said, "He may not get it until tomorrow. He may need it today. Put on your things and slip over to the auditorium. Give it to Mr. Moody, and do not let anyone else have it."

So the Spirit of God responded to the faith of a man, so the Spirit of God always responds to the faith of man.

If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us and if we know that He hears us, we know that we have the things that we desire of Him, and when we know that we have, of course we believe. We believe Him in general and we believe Him in particular. We trust for the special thing in hand and we trust Him for all the things which are to come. Without faith it is impossible to please Him, and faith is a disposition not so much an intellectual state. It is the loving heart of a child going out in confidence to the loving care of a father. It is not strange that faith works such wonders and it is not strange that God is so offended with those who will not believe.

### George Mueller's Case

Perhaps there has been no example of triumphant faith in our days more marked than that of George Mueller, the Bristol orphanage man. I count it one of the great blessings of my life to have seen and heard him, for such men are very rare in the history of the church. I suppose his life is familiar to all my readers. If it is not, I hope it may be, for it is a wonderful testimony to the promise-keeping of God. He had at times over two thousand persons to feed and clothe and shelter. It was with him, as with J. Hudson Taylor of the China Inland Mission, a fixed principle not to go in debt for anything. It was also with each of these brothers a fixed principle not to make requests directly of men, but of God. They never questioned men respecting the Lord's work and they trusted the Holy Spirit to use the Word to incite them to the work which God would have them do.

At one time Mr. Mueller was planning for the erection of a large building. It was to cost some seventy-five thousand dollars. Praying for a time a first gift came in from England, another from Australia, and other gifts followed until he had in hand, I think, over sixty thousand dollars. Some one of his friends said, "We ought to begin putting up the building. God has given so much, He will certainly give the rest."

But Mr. Mueller said, "No; God is in as great a hurry for that building as I am. He knows what it is for and He knows where to get the money with which to put it up. We will not lay a brick or disturb a shovelful of earth until the money is in the bank."

They did not and when the building was complete, it is said that there remained a small balance over and above all the needful expenses of construction.

What an example this is to many of us—to me—who have oftentimes been in greater haste about God's work than He was, and who have therefore come into all sorts of difficulties.

I myself heard Mr. Mueller say that during his life in the orphanages, he had not simply scores of times, but literally hundreds of times, been absolutely destitute of food and money when a meal for his great family was finished. "And yet," he said, "in all these years, never on a single occasion has God permitted those orphans to go without a meal at the time when it was due. In order to provide for them, He has literally sent money from all the ends of the earth, awakened people out of sleep, sent people out of their way, done seemingly almost everything that could be done to make sure that those who were trusting Him

should not lack for any good thing."

### Like a Grain of Mustard Seed

One of the Scriptures respecting prayer, which has been a great comfort and help to me, has been the word of our Lord, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matt. 17:20). I think this verse was intended to be a help to those who are conscious of defective faith. His disciples were asking that He should give them more. He seems to return on them with the thought that they should use what they have. Is not this a part of the divine plan?

I have many a time when I realize that my faith was far less than it ought to be, said to God, "Father, I have not the faith which I ought to have, but do I not have faith like a grain of mustard seed?" and it has seemed

to me that He always said "yes," and granted me the thing which I desired.

I make a single remark further in closing this chapter and that is, that faith in a person depends always upon knowledge of characteristics, and knowledge of characteristics is gained by acquaintance. If I wish to know what sort of a man one is, I need to know him, to associate with him, to hear what he says, to see what he does, so with God if I become acquainted with Him, learn what His character is, it will be natural for me to trust Him, for He is trustworthy. Acquaintance with the unreliable, uncertain, untruthful, breeds doubt. We do not trust such persons even when they say what is true, do what is right, but persons of integrity, of character, of righteousness, these people always awaken faith when we come to know them and so we must do as the Word says, acquaint ourselves with God. Then we shall be at peace with Him.

(From the book, GETTING THINGS FROM GOD, by Dr. Blanchard. This big book, 24 chapters, 270 pages, is a classic and greatly blessed book on prayer. Price, \$2.50. Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois.)

## Mom And Dad

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be best for his children. Undoubtedly his wife concurred with him in his decision and both embraced parenthood with an eye singled to God's glory.

The subject before us is one of great and grave importance. Though I am a father, and our five children have been singularly blessed with a consecrated and devoted mother, I do not profess to know all the answers to the perplexing problems which confront parents. I do know beyond a shadow of doubt that whatever destroys the unity of a home is ruinous to church and state alike. The only one who has all the answers involving home life is one who Himself never had a home of His own. And He, who never had a wife in the flesh nor any children, is the only one who can give the correct advice as to parenthood and to the rearing of a family. I know full well that the one who has called upon parents to build a home according to the will of God is the one who will provide the material necessary for such a home.

I am confident that the reason so many homes go on the rocks is because they are not built upon the Rock. Parental neglect of spiritual training is one of the greatest causes of juvenile delinquency which is plaguing our country at this hour. The reason so many children are growing up with a satanic scale of values is because we have not assumed the responsibilities of parenthood with more of a desire to glorify God. While we point the finger of blame in the direction of the school because God has been ruled out of modern education, and we lift our voices against the church because in many instances it has failed in the substitution of a humanistic philosophy for the Divine; yet the principal cause of moral failure among our youth harks back to the breakdown of homelife.

We believe Billy Sunday was right when he said, "The wave of lawlessness which has been sweeping our land is largely due to lack of control in the home. Outlawism is not settled by the street mob; it's a question of obedience in the home."

We confront signs everywhere which say "Safety First," but in this tragic hour we could well change them to read, "Home First." Who will deny that the mother of Moses did more for the world than the king who built the Pyramids of Egypt or an Alexander who conquered nations?

As we face this subject let us give consideration to what we choose to call

### Parental Deliberations

Parents need to sit down and engage themselves in a frank discussion of their task. Their duties need to be examined in the light of divine revelation. The Bible has much to say about fathers and mothers and also about the rearing of children. Home life is not neglected upon the pages of the sacred Guide Book. God would not

be so cruel as to call upon parents to rear children for His glory without teaching them how to do it and also providing the necessary wisdom for it. Our dawdling delinquency as parents is due to our dull perception of divine revelation.

David wrote, "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies" (Ps. 119:59). With carelessness we have plunged into parenthood and given little consideration as to what God has had to say to us. Most of the world's calamities have happened because men and women did not stop to think on their ways.

The father needs to take stock of himself, and like David of old, stop and think on his way. Fatherhood must be the greatest thing in the world since God reveals Himself in this highest and most sacred of all relationships. God has manifested Himself as supreme, as the Creator of all things, but the best of all is the revelation of Himself as Father, and as such He is the source and impartor of life.

A hush of silence sweeps over us as we breathe the word "mother." Christianity exalts motherhood as no other religion in the history of the world. In His incarnation our Lord entered our humanity thru the portals of a woman's life and thus in a special sense sanctified motherhood. To be a mother is to hold the reins of a nation. A mother's hand is mightier than a king's scepter and this being true every mother is called to utmost consideration of her high office.

The most precious little bundle ever laid in the arms of parents is that child of yours and mine. Parents who do not feel an overwhelming sense of responsibility before God with the advent of that tiny spark of life are not worthy of it. If a babe is regarded as nothing more than a burden, far better would it be had the infant died at birth.

God's Word calls upon us to redeem the time because the days are evil. We believe there is no better way to redeem it and to make it count for most than to spend some of it meditating upon the duties which belong to parenthood. To slight the office by neglect is to bring children into the world with the gravest of handicaps, when they are entitled to the best possible advantages. One cannot help but admire Joseph the husband of Mary and the supposed father of the Lord Jesus who when confronted with a difficult situation, "...thought on these things..." (Matt. 1:20). And while he gave deliberation to his problem, "...behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 1:20). Instead of acting rashly through haste, he gave thought to his dilemma and God led him into a right understanding of it.

Ernest heed must be given to

### Parental Diligence

God has not left parents in the dark as to that which must diligently concern every one of us. Possibly the reason we have on our hands an unruly, unsettled and an ungodly generation is because we have been loathe to do what God has commanded us to do. We read, "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6:6,7). The pity is we give greater diligence to a hundred nonessentials and neglect the most important of all, namely, the Word of God. Through His servant Moses, God was laying down the method by which children were to be reared.

Solomon wrote, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). There is nothing said about training up a child in the wisdom of this world, but rather in the wisdom of God which reveals "the way he should go." There are undoubtedly millions of homes in this nation which do not possess a Bible, and on the other hand there are millions of homes which possess the Bible but never read it or teach it to the oncoming generation.

The New Testament is equally clear concerning our diligence in relation to those whom God has put into our hands. Paul wrote, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). This is not the task of a day. It is line upon line, precept upon precept, day by day and hour by hour. Every sensible parent realizes it takes time and patience to comply with these divinely given instructions, but our diligence will be well rewarded in the end.

Many a man wishes that he had known earlier in life what he came to know later. Had he been aware of certain truths he would have been better off physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually. Deprived of the Word of God, he grew up in ignorance of the will of God for his life and was compelled to learn many things by bitter experience. The pitfalls were unknown to him and as a result of some one's failure he suffered much and perhaps caused much suffering on the part of others.

Next, as parents we need to give serious thought to the matter of

### Parental Discipline

Some one asked a farmer how he was able to produce such beautiful sheep. His reply was a classic for parents, "I take care of the lambs." Taking care of lambs involves more than merely feeding them day by day. Every shepherd realizes that certain disciplinary processes need to be pursued if his lambs are to become the kind of sheep he desires.

The problem of discipline is a difficult one and calls for careful and prayerful consideration and especially so in the light of God's Word. I know full well that the methods of child-training have undergone many radical changes within the past few years. The method of self-determination has been substituted for the old and out-moded method prescribed by Solomon. The modern theory is that a child should not be restricted nor restrained, but must be allowed to do his own choosing. Corporal punishment has been ruled out likewise and is looked upon as a relic of the dark ages. God said, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (Prov. 19:18).

The chastening of children on the part of their parents must be the correct method of dealing with them since it is the method pursued by our heavenly Father for the well-being of His children. "...My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and

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becoming." That is true. But they already have become godless. God is not the chief and primary motivation in the average American home. Oh, God is thought of, but the psalmist says, "God is not in all their thoughts."

The family altar is a by-gone relic of a society which took time for the things of the spirit. Today the American home's debauch is seen in the tragedy of what was blasted on the headlines of our evening newspapers only this past week under the caption, "Harris County's Shameful Record." It was pointed out that during the last two years ending December 31, 1953, Harris County had a total of 18,995 weddings, while there were 16,696 divorce applications. In other words, nearly eight out of nine marriages were ending on the rocks. That, of course, is far worse than the national average which is about one in three.

This is certainly a sign that the churches need help in reversing the trend. History shows us that Rome was for five hundred years

the strongest empire that ever existed. The end came when it began to relax its divorce and liquor laws. When beer was drunk in every home and divorce was easily permitted, Rome began to weaken and went down before the vandals in the fifth century with a terrible crash.

Yes, the American home is in a terrible plight. This article went on to point out that liquor is the chief offender in our Houston home life. Judge Miller says, "Excessive drink is undoubtedly one of the outstanding causes of divorce, delinquency, murder and the over-all high crime record of our county." And still we American people go on deluding ourselves into thinking that we can long exist while nurturing this vile enemy in our midst. It is time for the American people to be done with this delusion. Drink is our number one enemy today. Unless the church people get together to fight this demon within the American gates, we are doomed.

## Mom And Dad

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not sons" (Heb. 12:5-8). God Himself sets the example and reveals the nature of discipline.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Eph. 6:1-3). To deprive children of that discipline which will bring them to the place of obedience is to do them irreparable harm for time and eternity. Some one has well said, "If more of our boys wore stripes while children, fewer of them would be wearing stripes after they got to be men."

Theodore Roosevelt once said, "If you are going to do anything permanent for the average man, you must begin before he is a man. The chance of success lies with working with the boy and not the man."

A boy was asked why a certain tree in the garden was crooked. He replied by saying, "I suppose somebody must have stepped on it when it was a little fellow." We are not to hamper nor pamper our children, but we are to deal wisely with them, and when necessary, discipline them for their own good as well as for the glory of the one who entrusted them to us. Far better would it be to spoil any possession we have rather than spoil the child. I believe most thoughtful parents will agree with me that the present generation is the only unspanked generation in history, hence a generation headed for plenty of trouble. The real difficulty behind an impudent, disobedient child is in the parents who have failed to bring up their child as God has commanded in His Word.

All of us as parents need to give heed to

### Parental Demeanor

Paul's injunction to Timothy in I Timothy 4:12 applies just as much to parents as it did to the young preacher of the Gospel. Paul wrote, "But be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." We must never get away from the fact that our children will talk as we talk, they will walk where we walk, and they will act as we do. "Mom and Dad did it" is an excuse often upon the lips of children, and if not expressed audibly, it remains in their thoughts. In dealing with the home, Billy Sunday said, "How can children be taught to lisp, 'Now I lay me down to sleep' when mother has her knees under the bridge table?" We recall how a prophet wrote, "Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter" (Ezek. 16:44). Again we read, "He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly" (II Chron. 22:3).

Knowing the power of example our Saviour said to His disciples,

"For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15). By washing the feet of His disciples, the Lord Jesus was showing them how they should be willing to humble themselves and to take the place of servants. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him" (John 13:16).

Tobacco-using and beer-guzzling parents will some day wake up to the fact that their children are doing the same thing and their hearts will be heavy, but then it will be too late. The probability is the children will not show the moderation exercised by the parents but will cast off all restraints to their own moral and spiritual undoing.

Lastly, I wish to have each one regard with utmost concern

### Parental Devotion

God calls upon every parent to provide a home for his child. The Scriptures say, "Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children" (II Cor. 12:14). Just as the risen Saviour has gone to prepare a home for His children, so all of us should seek to provide the right kind of a home for ours.

All of us need to stop and consider the unconscious influences at work either for or against the home. A little Scripture motto which hung on the wall of the kitchen in my boyhood home made a profound impression upon me. It was a simple statement ornamented with little blue forget-me-not flowers and framed in gold. It was taken from John's epistle, "God is love." If, as a child, I repeated that text once it must have been hundreds and hundreds of times. A wise and godly mother placed it there not merely as a decoration on the wall, but as a testimony for the spiritual well-being of her brood.

What about the guests who come into our homes? What kind of music are the children compelled to hear? Some one said to a statesman, "You write the laws of a nation, but let me write its songs." He knew the powerful effect the songs we sing have upon us and especially upon our children. Much of the music coming over the air is worse than trash and pollutes the sanctity of the home. Do we come home after work with a newspaper and a half dozen cans of beer and then wonder why our children are not interested in their home? The choices we make will affect our children for time and for eternity.

"We lost our first child," said a man in the course of conversation with a friend. Shocked, the other cried out, "I didn't know that she was dead!" "Oh, she isn't dead," was the quiet response, to which was added sadly, "I was too busy."

We had a little space of repentance when Billy Sunday was preaching a red-hot Gospel that led the churches to vote in Prohibition. I wish our great national evangelists today would do the same toward cleansing America. We need a message of righteousness or we might as well say with the prophet Jeremiah, "Peace, peace, but there is no peace." It is simply a temporary respite lulling us to sleep, making us think that all is well. We are being undermined and one day the house of cards will topple with all of its gigantic financial structure on top of our doomed heads. We shall lose our Republic and all that is sacred to us.

### America's Children Lawless

Secondly, America's children are becoming lawless. Lawlessness is so great we don't seem to know how to cope with it. Few civil authorities will follow the advice of the Word of God. They know too much. They multiply devices—better parks, finer facilities, more amusements for youth, instead of getting at the root of the matter and putting the parents of the offenders in jail and making them pay the bills. This preaching of righteousness must be from the housetops. When we start to do that we will have a change in this terrible juvenile delinquency and lawlessness on every hand.

Billy Graham said recently in a shout over the air, "At no time in the history of the nation has there been so much teen-age misbehavior as there is today." Recently the Chicago newspapers brought out the fact that in the past year a half million dollars worth of school property was destroyed by youthful vandals. Another half million dollar train wreck occurred because of two boys thirteen and fifteen years of age. They stated that last year, and they estimated that it would be worse this year, that millions of dollars worth of park property is being wantonly destroyed by young people, especially boys up to fifteen and sixteen years of age.

In Atlanta four boys from well-to-do homes released the brakes on twenty cars that were parked on hills just to see them go down the hill and crash. We are in an age when millions of youth like to see violent things happen. In Baltimore last year youngsters destroyed twenty-two thousand windows. In Detroit today the policemen often travel in groups of four or five because patrolmen traveling in teams of two have been so often attacked by gangs of boys thirteen to sixteen years of age and beaten up.

Even the church is being damaged here and there. In one of our large Southern cities a large Baptist church was entered by a group of youthful vandals who spread paint all over beautifully painted walls, tore up the carpets, battered down the furniture, and caused thousands of dollars worth of damage. No respect for sacred things! Why? Because of the *Comic Book Tragedy*. That is basically the reason this outright and blatant attitude toward private property is taking place so rapidly.

Dr. Frederic Werthan, Director of LaFargue Clinic in New York City, calls this a process of youthful brain-washing. In the November issue of the *Ladies Home Journal*, in an article entitled, "What Parents Don't Know About Comic Books," he points out that there are now 950,000,000 comic books sold in the United States every year. We are now faced with the most satanic propaganda that has ever been let loose in our country. It is designed to destroy us from the interior where we can't do very much about it. Christians must arouse themselves, speak out and cleanse our nation from its real enemies.

Dr. Werthan quotes Virgilia Peterson as saying, "We are allowing ourselves in the name of free speech to be deceived by buying and letting our children buy the worst propaganda in the nation. It is a tyranny by a handful of unscrupulous people." It is time we forgot this peculiar notion of free speech—that you can write whatever you want and say whatever you want and get by with it simply because this is America. We still have some

standards of propriety about right and wrong. We still have the right to safeguard the morals of our youth. It is time we were getting up and saying, "You cannot print that type of stuff. You can't write it. You can't put it in circulation. You're the real offender; not the boy that went out and wrecked the train. You're the one who inflamed his mind. You're the one who is guilty for the rape of that six-year old child. You're the one who put the idea in that ten-year old boy's mind."

A boy eleven years old killed a woman in a holdup recently. His twenty year old brother commented, "If you want the cause of all this, here it is. It's these rotten comic books. Cut this out and things like this will not happen."

Why don't we cut it out? Well, there are several reasons. One reason is that America has lost its moral crusading heart. Why have we lost our moral crusading spirit? Because we have lost God's Spirit. God's Spirit is a spirit of liberty but it is a spirit of liberty which will not permit license; and that liberty will fight for the things that are right. "Ye who love the Lord, hate evil," says the psalmist. You can't hate evil without speaking out against it.

This swivel-chair hatred of writing a little bit about it isn't enough. We have to go out and fight it, speak up against it. We have to quit doing business with the liquor people. I think we ought to get to the place where we say, "I buy dry." "If you sell wet, I don't buy your stuff even though I can save a few cents." We have to get some righteousness in our heart about this thing and be realistic.

This is the time to sound a warning note. We have to dig in somewhere. No army ever wins without digging in. They can't always retreat, and say, "When we find a better place to dig in we will." They would never dig in; they would always be retreating, and that is what America is doing. Always going back a little further, never saying, "At this ridge we hold." This may be the last ridge for many of us but we are going to do our share to stop this travesty which is ruining our nation.

### Friendless America

America is becoming friendless. Newspapers are telling us about it and those who come home from abroad are saying we are the most hated nation in the world. Dr. V. Raymond Edman, President of Wheaton College, recently set forth what he considers to be the "ten greatest fallacies in public affairs." He said one is the idea that we can gain international friendship by spending billions of dollars on people. In other words, the idea that you can gain true friends by giving them money. I have yet to find that true. It is better to keep ourselves respectable with other countries by saying, "We will loan you this money but you have to pay it back." Up to July 1, 1953, the United States Congress voted 53 billion dollars of the tax-payers' money for foreign projects.

The *United States News and World Report* of July 1, 1953 makes this fitting contrast between what we are spending abroad and at home: "In any twelve year period we have never spent more than 47 billion dollars for all the public schools and universities in which our children are educated, national, state, and local. In a similar period we have never spent more than 14 billions for federal public works, for the improvement of our country by roads, dams, postoffices, flood control, etc. Some think the farm program has been excessive. But it has never exceeded 20 billions in twelve years and has been for the benefit of the American farmers. For our war veterans for whom we have a very real debt, we have never voted more than 51 billions in a similar period of time—less for our own who suffered for us than for those who have largely little understanding of why we help foreigners and little if any appreciation for what is done."

### Friends Not to Be Spared

The prophet said, "Spare not." What does that mean? It means what is says. Don't spare anybody. Don't spare your own children. Don't spare your closest confederates in business, in social life, in

community life, in church life. There can be no fraternity that is closer than the fraternity of God's saints.

I want to give you several examples from the Scriptures of what God means by sparing not. In Numbers chapter 25 we are told of a prominent Hebrew sinner who came into the camp and brought a Moabitish woman. Her name was Cozbi and his name was Zimri. Zimri came in against the ordinance of God bringing this Moabitish woman with him, doubtless supposing that because he was popular that he could get by with it. A plague raged through the camp, and twenty-four thousand people died. Finally to stop this plague, Phineas, a preacher's boy, the son of Eleazar, the high priest who had taken his father Aaron's place in the high priesthood, took a spear and went into this man's tent, drove it through his body and the woman's body, executing both of them. What did God do? He stayed the plague. Why? Because in spite of the fact that these were popular sinners, someone had the courage to speak out against it. I would to God we had some more Phineases in the American pulpit today. There would be some dead bodies around but God would stay the plague.

In the thirteenth chapter of Deuteronomy there is an outstanding passage which tells the people of Israel that they are never to spare even a kinsman where there is evil conduct. Verses 6-11 read:

*"If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him, neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you."*

That is pretty explicit, isn't it? We can't actually kill our own. But when people say, "Oh, let's not go to the house of God; that preacher is too sharp, he doesn't spare anyone," you are not to spare that kind of a person. You are to say, "I am going where I can get the Gospel. No matter if it hurts and cuts close, I want to do something for God."

Our trouble today is that we don't want to offend anyone. That is our weakness. Did you know that Protestantism started out as the most offensive religion of its time? Has it lost its protest, lost its offensiveness? Is that why many people don't know what Protestants really stand for? The real Protestants stand for what I am saying here. The others are only counterfeits, because they have lost their purpose.

We must not spare even the church people who lower the standards of separation from the world. We are to exhort one another. The apostles continually did so. Read Philippians 3:17-19. There Paul states that some were walking close to God. He urged everyone to walk with them. But he said of the other crowd that is walking far apart, "They are the enemies of Christ." Have nothing to do with them.

Our children who need correction must not be spared simply because they are our flesh and blood. We must be strict with them. We must pray and weep before God that he will give us their good wishes, that they may see inwardly that Dad and Mom are right.

### Follies Must Be Shown

"Show my people... their sins." Generalities on this subject are confusing. We must be explicit as the apostles and the prophets were. They didn't denounce sin in

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general, but specific sins. The Devil works upon explicit. He wants people to be explicitly immoral. He wants them to explicitly drink. He wants them to be false and dishonest. We must spare not. We must show Israel their sins. We must fight liquor and the liquor crowd. We must fight Hollywood and the Hollywood piedpipers who are paid high salaries to destroy the American people. Some say they aren't all so bad out there. Yes, give me any pile of rotten apples and I can find a few worth eating. That's not saying I am going to get my apples out of that pile.

We must show America the folly of assuming that the moral character of the nation is better or can be better than its individual citizens. People must realize that America as a whole cannot be better than its individuals. You and I are to be little facsimiles of America as a whole. When we go abroad to spend the "big" money we have, foreigners say, "That's America." Everyone of us is America. And don't think that in the long run we can be better as a nation or stronger than everyone of us.

### Fabrications Must Stop

We must stop this lying to God. The prophet says, "They seek me daily. They delight to know my way as a nation that did righteousness and forsook not the ordinances of the Lord." That is irony. Sure they ask of me the ordinances of justice. They take delight. And so it is there are a lot of people who have religion without regeneration.

We must do away with the fabrication that one can worship without having Christian works. If one truly worships God, he will be following godly works. His whole life will be an outflow of Christian works. He will want to be telling others of what Christ did for him in his worship experience.

Lionel Fletcher in *After Conversion*

*sion, What?* tells of a friend of his who was a commander in the British Navy stationed over in China. He was an outspoken Christian, and in all of his spare time he would go on land and get Chinese people together for Bible study. He built up a large men's Bible class over there in Shanghai, and finally when he was discharged from the Navy and came back to Britain he said, "The greatest period of my life was while I was winning souls for the Lord over there in China." Today he is still active in men's Bible class work over in his own country. Worship that is vital will cause us to work for God some place.

Finally, we must do away with this modern will-o-wisp type of religion which I call happiness without holiness. There is a lot of that. That is bad, but a more subtle type is found among these cultured folks who have what might be called Psychological Adjustment Religion. They think religion is something to give them an adjustment to life, make them able to get along with people, get rid of an inferiority complex, quit the bottle and maybe a few other things. Now they are religious. But what is the weakness of it? They do not emphasize the blood atonement of Jesus. They neglect repentance and restitution—the real heart of regeneration. They have sort of an intellectual recrudescence which has done much to help them get along in society. But I say those people may be lost and hardly know it. They have a new happiness but it is false because its heart is not separated unto God in "sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14).

May the church of God not fail a sinking world in these history-turning days. Let her prophets trumpet the warning truth of God's covenant. Let her people live to the full righteous standard of her message. Then shall men call her "walls salvation," and her "gates praise" (Isa. 60:18).

## Subscriptions Far Below Goal

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scriptions! This does not count some money given for the Missionary and Minister Subscription Fund, but it is shockingly low. Ordinarily we would expect to get a few more subscriptions in this last month of the campaign than we got in the first two months. People tend to wait until the last. However, judging from the proportion of subscriptions now in, it seems likely that we will have less than half the number of subscriptions which we hoped to raise in this three-month period. That is a disappointing fact, but one that we must honestly face.

We are not leaving God out of the calculation, however. I know that He can put it in the hearts of thousands of people to send subscriptions right away. I know that pastors can set out to get whole churches to subscribe. I know that some larger givers can send in and ought to send in thousands of dollars to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to preachers, to missionaries, to shut-ins, to ministerial students, to national workers in foreign countries, workers who can read English. I trust that God will stir the hearts of thousands of Christians to do now what they have failed to do in recent weeks. I say frankly that unless there is a startling and drastic change, we will come out far below our goal of 200,000 subscriptions in this year, 1954, our twentieth anniversary year, and we will face serious embarrassment.

### God Has Not Failed!

Of one thing I am sure: God has not failed us. God is still concerned about spreading the Gospel. God is backing up THE SWORD OF THE LORD. He keeps His promise. And I do not plan to be swerved from the course God has laid on my heart, even though disappointment comes. If God wants the campaign to fail, then I want it to fail. If He wants us to struggle, and wait, and cry, and pray, and do our best to bless others with

less help than we ought to have, then His will is good. I do not fret, I am not sad. God has proven Himself faithful. God cares. God answers prayer. "In due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. So I will go straight down the road to make THE SWORD OF THE LORD what God wants it to be; with God's help, to reach as many thousands of people with the Gospel and with the revival message as I can.

We here at the Sword of the Lord office still believe that we were led of God to try to get 75,000 subscriptions by the March 31 deadline. We know that people need THE SWORD. We know that if we are to enlarge the circulation greatly this year, we must do much of it now. We know that, compared with past subscription campaigns, when we had less circulation to start with, the present goal is not too high. In one campaign, when we had many less subscribers than we now have, we got 47,000 subscriptions. We ought to get 75,000 subscriptions now.

Not only are we convinced that this plan is right, but here in the Sword of the Lord office most of the workers have given sacrificially, sending subscriptions to others. We have had two or three nights of prayer, lasting from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 the next morning, and all of the fifteen hours somebody was calling on the Lord. Those of us who took part were each in two full hours or more of the prayer meeting. Next Thursday evening we will have six hours of prayer again for the whole Sword staff, from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. We have waited on God. We have pleaded with Him to use THE SWORD OF THE LORD and to stir up helpers. We will continue to pray. We are not doubting God, His goodness, His faithfulness, His answer to prayer.

It may be that God still wants us to plead before Him and wait on Him for His fullest blessing. All right, we will try to do that.

We know that God has not failed, and will not fail.

### Who, Then, Has Failed?

If THE SWORD OF THE LORD subscription campaign fails, then whose failure is it? And why is it that so few people take to heart this burden of spreading the Gospel to the whole world, this burden for stirring revival fires in the hearts of Christian people, this burden of saving preachers and Christian workers from modernism, from false cults, and from formalism? Why is it that thousands who could have helped, have not done their part, have not sent in subscriptions for neighbors and friends? Why is it that pastors have not taken the matter up in their churches and that in many cases where pastors have been blessed by THE SWORD, they have not taken the matter up with their people, have not sent subscriptions?

Some people, no doubt, are angry with THE SWORD because we have taken a plain stand against communism and socialism. Some friends of Bishop Oxnham, who said that the God of the Old Testament is "a dirty bully," do not send subscriptions. All right, if you are for socialism and modernism, we can count you out. We cannot change the policies of THE SWORD OF THE LORD to please such people.

Some people have been angry at our exposure of Dr. Nels Ferre, and other such modernists. Some strict worshipers of denominations would rather all the infidels were protected and not a word of criticism uttered, to defend Christ and the Bible and to save our young people, rather than that some reflection should come on their denomination through the infidels they have endorsed. Are you among them? Very well; THE SWORD OF THE LORD cannot change its position. We intend to carry on this fight, as we have all the years, against modernism and infidelity in the church and out.

Some people despise evangelists and evangelism. I received very sharp, bitter letters because I would not publish a denunciation of Billy Graham in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Some people want essays and Bible studies, but do not want evangelistic sermons. They do not want any condemnation of sin. They do not want reports of revival campaigns, stories of souls saved. If you are of that crowd, naturally we do not expect you to send subscriptions. THE SWORD OF THE LORD is a revival paper, a Gospel-preaching weekly. We are not ashamed of evangelism, not ashamed of the Gospel, not ashamed of revival. We are not ashamed to print sermons. We are calling America back to the old-time revival, back to the old-time Gospel preaching against sin, calling for repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

Perhaps you do not like the exposures of heresies and false cults which appear in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Last week a high official of the Christian Science publication committee, called on me to plead with me to treat the Christian Scientists as fellow-Christians. He admitted that they did not believe in the deity of Jesus, did not believe in salvation by the blood, did not claim to be born again in the historic Christian sense; yet he wanted to be called a brother-Christian! If you are for the false cults which deny the virgin birth, the blood atonement, the fact of sin, need for a new birth, a literal Heaven and a literal Hell, then that may be one reason you do not send subscriptions.

It may be that you are so enarmored of "scholarship" that you do not like our stand on the R.S.V. Bible. We want no Bible translated by infidels. We want no Bible that plays down the deity of Christ. We do not want to leave the translation of the Bible in the hands of the National Council of Churches, profiting by royalty on every copy sold. Some other Christian magazines have taken full-page ads paying them hundreds of dollars. But THE SWORD OF THE LORD will not sell out on this matter.

One ultradispensationalist who has been promising for many years that Jesus is just about to come because of certain events which enable him to judge, has tried more than once to buy advertising space in THE SWORD OF THE LORD for his books which come close

to date-setting and thus, we think, give a false emphasis which will do harm instead of good, and will get people talking more about the newspapers than about the Bible, and to looking for signs more than soul winning. He is a good man, as are many, many other ultradispensationalists who, we believe, go too far on this matter of finding signs everywhere; practically prophesying when Jesus will return, although the Bible plainly says that "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power," and "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no . . . , neither the son, but the Father." Yes, such people may not send subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

There you have it. If you are in sympathy with modernists, or communists, or socialists, or false cults, you will not want to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to save sinners, nor to stir preachers to win souls, or to set Christians straight on the narrow path. Or if you are a good Christian, but more interested in some fad or fancy or hobby than in soul winning and revival, you may not send subscriptions. I can understand that. And I will never change the policies of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, trimming convictions down to please men instead of God.

But, you say those mentioned above are not your crowd? Oh, yes it is—if you are not helping in this subscription campaign. If you are not helping to send subscriptions, then you are helping to crush the testimony of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, helping to oppose this revival influence that God has used to stir hearts around the world and to open the doors for revival. No matter what you may personally believe, faith without works is dead. No matter what side you say you are on, actually what you do speaks louder than what you say. Those who send subscriptions and help to enlarge the ministry of THE SWORD OF THE LORD are on the side of the plain

soul-winning, Bible-defending stand we take. Those who do not send subscriptions are against this stand in actual practice.

I know that some can send more and some can send less. Some very poor people cannot do much. And all of us have other obligations to care for, other Christian work to support. Yet it is still true that what we really feel most concerned about we can help and ought to help.

I want to make sure not only by my praying, not only by my pleading with others, but by my hard work and sacrificial giving of subscriptions to others, that I have done my best. Then if failure comes after March 31, I will look up in God's face and tell Him I did my best, that somebody else has failed Him in this matter. Don't you think that is right? Will you do the same?

### Pastor to Send 500 Subscriptions by March 31

However, there are some encouraging signs. One great comfort to me is a letter from Rev. Robert Hughes, pastor of Navilla Baptist Church, near McComb, (Continued on page 10)

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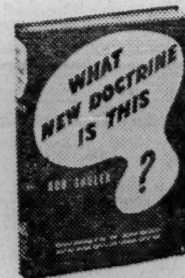
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## News From B. J. U.

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Jones University, I can assure you and other members of the Board that the administration here, including the president and all of the executives associated with him, is determined under God to keep Bob Jones University a fighting base for world-wide evangelical orthodoxy. I have never rejoiced in my heart so much as I have at the spirit on the campus this year.

We are graduating at the end of this semester one more student than we did at the end of the first semester last year. Yet we lost 32 per cent fewer students for all reasons during the first semester and at the end of the first semester than we did last year; and with some who will arrive a little late, I am sure we will enroll more than we did the second semester

last year.

The president and the other executives feel that until we build two more dormitories, we should reduce the enrollment at least one hundred more. The dormitories are still too crowded. As you know, we do not take any young single students unless they live with relatives or in our dormitories. I hope you and the other members of the Board will pray that God will give us wisdom and guidance in what He would have us do. We appreciate you and all the members of the Board who have been so faithful in helping us carry our burdens here.

May God bless you and THE SWORD OF THE LORD in the work you are doing. I realize more and more the importance of all of us

## Subscriptions Far Below Goal

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Mississippi. Brother Hughes is a strong pastor of a full-time church which God has richly blessed. He is in his senior year at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Semin-

evangelistic, evangelical, orthodox people standing together. We are not competitors. We are all partners. I am glad that you, as editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD feel as we do here at Bob Jones University about this spirit of co-operation. We are praying that you will reach the goal of 200,000 subscriptions for THE SWORD OF THE LORD before the close of this year.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Bob Jones

Founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees

ary. Here is part of his letter: "Dear Brother Rice:

"Enclosed are 35 names and addresses of preachers here in the seminary. I have already sent 30. This week-end I will send about 120 names and addresses representing every resident family at our church. I am determined to have in your hands, by God's help, 500 subscriptions by March 31st. I earnestly feel that God wants this goal of 75,000 for March reached. It is good to have these special campaigns in the midst of the 13-month crusade. It gives us goals to work toward, a step at a time, on the way toward the big goal for next September. I had accepted a quota of 1,000 for next September, but had done little about it, I am ashamed to say. Thus, on this crusade, I am determined to turn in half of that big goal of 1,000.

"I know God wants me to do these things. He is using THE SWORD so greatly, I almost feel it is like the case of Abraham and his descendants: God will bless those of us who bless THE SWORD, and curse those who curse THE SWORD. I feel it so strongly that I have set a goal of 500 for Sunday School by the end of March—one member for every subscription I turn in. We have begun a real campaign that amounts to revival spirit in our church. I believe in God's cause as sponsored by THE SWORD, and He is using this subscription campaign to provoke strenuous efforts that are leading to success and revival.

"I am using many others at Navilla to help me reach 500 subscriptions for March 31. I find it helps a revival spirit if I can get others to doing something, too.

"I have paid for the first 30. I will send the money for these 35 subscriptions (in this letter), this week-end. I will pay for the 120 resident families by the month so I can use the other money for additional subs."

This morning the second letter came as promised, and with it 165 more subscriptions! Pastor Robert Hughes, by enlisting church members to help and sending THE SWORD to every resident family in the church, and many others, will get in 500 subscriptions by March 31. May God raise up other pastors like him!

Today I talked by telephone to my brother, Evangelist Joe B. Rice in Edmond, Oklahoma. He told me of a fine pastor who had agreed with him to see that THE SWORD OF THE LORD went to every resident family in the church. The church will send a check each month to pay for the subscriptions.

Rev. Paul M. Alleman, of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Roanoke, Louisiana, sent 16 subscriptions to THE SWORD and wrote:

"Last summer we did not have the revival that we had hoped and prayed for in the church and it appears there may not be one possible for this coming summer, at least while I am present. We have had a Bible conference, a missionary conference, and plan another Bible conference in the spring, but I am not satisfied that the people go so long without the spiritual renewal that an evangelistic campaign can bring. As a stop-gap measure I am going to try the plan of ordering a yearly subscription of THE SWORD OF THE LORD for my leading and faithful members, plus a few other interested parties and see if the Lord cannot stir hearts through that method in addition to my own preaching."

Rev. Robert O. Brant of Grace Chapel Church, West Columbia, South Carolina, writes:

"I have just now finished reading your article, 'The Pastor Is the Key.' I am going to devise a way, if I pay for every last subscription, to get one in every home of my charge."

God bless this good pastor. If others will do likewise, we will not come to shame and failure.

**Pastors, Large Givers, and Everybody Helping, Can Pull the Subscription Campaign Out of the Hole!**

This paper is dated March 19.

We will have only one more issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD in which to announce this present campaign for 75,000 subscriptions closing midnight, March 31. To count in this campaign and to take advantage of its special offers, subscriptions must be mailed and postmarked by midnight, March 31.

With only one more issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD in which to appeal to you, this campaign is near its close. What any body does in this campaign for Jesus Christ must be done at once.

Some 20,000 pastors take THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Most of them believe heartily in the main emphasis of this paper. If one out of twenty of them would seriously take to heart and do his solemn duty in return for the blessings he has received from THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and would enlist his own people, getting subscriptions for THE SWORD, in one week our goal would be reached.

There are men and women who believe the Bible, who read THE SWORD OF THE LORD and wish it well, who could, without much sacrifice, send in thousands of dollars to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD through our Missionary and Minister Fund, to thousands more of preachers, missionaries, shut-ins, ministerial students, etc. They ought to do it. A thousand people ought to send gifts of from \$25 to \$1,000, or \$5,000 to help me save preachers from modernism, to help stir up people to have revivals, to make soul winners, to check the inroads of heresies, cults, and modernism.

But more important, there are 10,000 Christian people who, reading this copy of THE SWORD, who believe strongly in the main principles for which THE SWORD stands. They have been blessed by its messages. They ought to send it to others. They ought to stand up in their churches and testify to the blessings received and ask others to subscribe. They ought to see that sample copies are spread about and they ought to dig down and pay for subscriptions for loved ones and many friends, pastors, and others. Unless these common Christians do their part, there is little chance for success. Thousands of Christians could send at least four subscriptions today for \$6 (or four Canadian and foreign subscriptions for \$8) without serious sacrifice. And even if it does take sacrifice, many ought to do it.

Again I say, the time is short. This issue of THE SWORD and one more, then the time will be gone. WHAT IS DONE IN THIS SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN MUST BE DONE SOON! Will you who read, in Jesus' name, come to our help and stave off the defeat which impends? Will you who are really friends of revival and soul winning, friends of the Bible, and enemies of modernism and sin—will you come to our help and send at least a few subscriptions at once?

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## Dr. Bob Jones Says:

A day or two ago, I found on my desk a note concerning the proposed plans for a city-wide campaign in Joplin, Missouri, to be conducted by Jack Shuler, who, to my mind, is one of the best evangelistic preachers in the whole wide world. When I read the note, I began to think about when Jack Shuler came to our school. His father, Bob Shuler, has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Bob Jones University for years and is one of my old-time personal friends. Bob Shuler told my son, Bob, Jr., the president of the University, and me, "I want Jack to come to Bob Jones University. It looks as if Hollywood is going to get him in spite of all I can do. You have the best speech department of any school, as far as I know, in the world; and I am going to advise Jack to come to Bob Jones University (Bob Jones College it was at that time) for a major in speech. I am going to tell him that if he is going into Hollywood, I want him to be a cultured, trained actor. Now, Bob, Sr., and Bob, Jr., I am praying that Jack will get right with God. I am counting on the atmosphere of Bob Jones University to do, for my son what needs to be done." I looked at Bob, Jr., and he looked at me. I did not really know what to tell my friend, Bob Shuler. I wanted to say, "If he does not get converted, I would hate mighty bad to train him in the atmosphere of Christian culture and refinement of Bob Jones University to be a Hollywood actor." Then, too, I knew that Jack Shuler had been under Christian influences all his life and if he wasn't out and out for God, I did not see just exactly what we could do for him. But Bob and I said, "All right, Brother Bob, send Jack on over." Jack came. He was gentlemanly and respectful, but we knew he was not right with God. One day I returned to the campus; and Bob, Jr., said, "Jack Shuler has really been converted. He is going to be a preacher." I said, "Bob, it is hard for me to believe that." "Well," he said, "wait and see." In about an hour, Jack came into my office; and he had changed to one of the sweetest persons I had ever known. Every time I think of Jack and his conversion and evangelistic work, I get a wonderful thrill. But here is another part of the story: The man who is spearheading the Jack Shuler meeting in Joplin, Missouri, was converted under my ministry in a great city-wide campaign in Joplin years ago.

I just kept thinking as I read the note on my desk about Jack's meeting in Joplin of all the evangelists who have gone out into the world, and some day we may be able to give you the names of all of them who have done a marvelous work in winning the lost to the Lord Jesus Christ. A large percentage of the evangelists whose names are making headlines now got their evangelistic slant and inspiration on Bob Jones

University campus. If we had space, we could tell in detail the story, but we haven't the space. If you find a great evangelistic campaign anywhere in the country, in practically all of the campaigns, you will find an evangelist or preacher or singer or an organizer or someone who got his inspiration when a student in Bob Jones University.

Bob Jones University stands first of all for the Lord Jesus Christ and salvation by grace through faith in His atoning blood. It puts tremendous emphasis on soul winning. On weekends the ministerial students in Bob Jones University spread out into four or five states trying to win souls to Christ. Now, here are some startling figures: On the weekends during the nine months of the school year in the last six and a half years, these preacher boys have conducted 185,182 public Christian services; and, remember, everywhere these boys went Christ was exalted. They dealt with 373,970 lost people and tried to win them to Christ. We have a record of 75,678 people that were saved through this effort and a record of 3,746 backsliders who were reclaimed. We have a record of 1,907,533 Gospel tracts that have been put in the hands of people. Remember, this is only a partial report. We haven't a full record. Please also remember that in the summertime all of these preacher boys are out over the world winning people to Christ. (The figures we quoted do not include the work done in the summertime but just includes the work during the nine months of the school year.) We will not take back any ministerial student in Bob Jones University who does not in the summertime speak to at least one person everyday about his soul. Even Christian leaders have no idea of the wide-spread influence of Bob Jones University in evangelism and soul winning. We cannot train pastors' assistants and directors of music and church secretaries and Christian workers fast enough to supply the demand. I wish I could tell you the full story.

Now, then, we are appealing to you spiritually minded Christian people who have an evangelistic approach to the program to do three things for us to help us do this job:

First: We want you to pray daily that Bob Jones University may keep on keeping on in giving the same type emphasis and doing the same type work it has been doing now for twenty-eight years. The strain is terrific. The work is hard. The grinding routine almost crushes the executives and all the workers in the school. Ask God to give us strength and tenacity of purpose to hold on and never surrender.

Second: We want you Christian people to help us find the right kind of students who can be trained for the right kind of Christian leadership. We have the largest Future Teach-

ers of America chapter in the United States. We cannot supply the demand for Christian teachers. Our students that go out from Bob Jones University to teach will be Christian leaders in the communities where they work. They will be soul winners. The door is wide open in this field. Help us find young people of the right kind who can be trained in the right way to do the right kind of job for God. We have no trouble keeping our dormitories overflowing, but we want to get the type of folks that can be trained to do the type job we are trying to do for God, and you can help us. Remember this: We would rather the right kind of student who can be trained to do the job we have in mind even that we have to help with a part work/loan scholarship than to have some rich student that can pay his way in full that may not be the type that can be trained to enter the wide open doors of opportunity.

Third: We want you to help us financially. We are engaged in an unselfish work, and you can help us. Please also ask the folks that believe in the sort of thing we are doing to help us. We want you folks who believe in this business to invest some money in this work. We want to be able to make loans to students to take care of a part of their expenses if they have to have loans. We want money for missions. We are spending \$1,000 a month in Japan and \$1,000 a month in Korea regularly, and it is all spent for evangelism; and in addition to this, we are spending hundreds of dollars in these two countries as well as other countries every month to promote the cause of evangelism through tracts and other ways. Our operating overhead here is very heavy. It costs us a minimum of \$125,000 a month to carry on this work; so we want you to help us financially. Remember, Bob Jones University is a corporation not for profit. You are not helping any man materially when you send money to this institution. You are helping a cause. When the depression was on, I cashed out my own life insurance to help pay the operating overhead of the school. I have never had a salary. I have had a small drawing account to take care of the expenses I have had to pay for the school that I could not afford to pay myself. We are working for God here at Bob Jones University, and God is working with this school. You can help us and be a partner in this business.

Now, this is a long statement, but I felt I should make the statement. We are training students who can move into all centers out in the world as good witnesses for Jesus Christ and also as soul winners. Let us hear from you. We are counting on you. Thank you. God bless you.

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## God Slams The Door

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praying for you. I understand you are having a wonderful revival. I have heard that Mr. — was saved the other night. I have been praying for him for years and recently I have felt like God would just have to save him. And I understand that a young man for whom I was praying was saved last night."

I turned away from that bed and wiped tears from my eyes. "Lord," I prayed, "help me to realize that no matter how obscure a person's place in life may be, he can have a wonderful part in the cause of Christ."

### The Field is White

If invalids can find opportunities of Christian service, how much more ought we who are not so handicapped to find them. Jesus said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

All about you are people lost in sin and bound for eternal Hell. You meet them, greet them, work with them, trade with them, ride with them, walk with them, and talk with them. You discuss the weather, athletics, automobiles, television, kidnappings, murders, business, houses, airplanes, atomic bombs, politics; but not the fact of eternal damnation, the judgment of God, or salvation through Jesus Christ. Perhaps you are so afraid you will not use fact that you do not make contact, or you are too careless or prayerless or powerless; or you are ashamed of Jesus.

*Jesus! and shall it ever be,  
A mortal man ashamed of Thee?  
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels  
praise,  
Whose glories shine thro' endless  
days?*

*Ashamed of Jesus! sooner far  
Let evening blush to own a star;  
He sheds the beams of light divine  
O'er this benighted soul of mine.*

*Ashamed of Jesus! just as soon  
Let midnight be ashamed of noon;*

*'Tis midnight with my soul till He,  
Bright Morning Star, bid darkness  
flee.*

*Ashamed of Jesus! that dear  
Friend*

*On whom my hopes of Heav'n  
depend!*

*No, when I blush, be this my  
shame,*

*That I no more revere His name.*

*Ashamed of Jesus! yes, I may,  
When I've no guilt to wash away,  
No tear to wipe, no good to crave,  
No fear to quell, no soul to save.*

*Till then—nor is my boasting  
vain—*

*Till then I boast a Saviour slain;  
And, oh, may this my glory be,  
That Christ is not ashamed of me!*

Sometimes it is not a complete lack of concern which causes one to neglect the business of soul winning, but simply spiritual indolence. This apathy is usually seen in procrastination. The door is open, but for some reason you do not enter. The door will close sometime.

Most of us have had experiences similar to that of a friend of mine who said that he went to a jewelry store one day to get his watch which he had left to be repaired. He had a pleasant conversation with the jeweler and just as he left the store he was impressed to go back and talk to the man about his soul. But he thought, "I have a busy day ahead of me and I will be back in town tomorrow. I will try to stop by and see this man then." The next morning his heart sank as he read in the paper that the jeweler had died the day before with a heart attack. His opportunity to reach that man for Christ was gone forever.

### Spiritual Manslaughter

A man in Detroit asked me to go down to the prison and deal with a friend of his who had been sentenced. I went down and led the man to Christ. He was not guilty of murder, but manslaughter through the dereliction of duty. He had been left in charge

of a railroad gate, but through carelessness failed to put the gate down at the proper time. I left the prison that day asking, "Lord, is it true that if I fail to put down the gate of warning and people run past me into Hell I am guilty of spiritual manslaughter?" Reason says that I am; conscience tells me so; and the Word of God says, "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezek. 3:18). Notice that He said, "...his blood will I require at thine hand," not "thy blood." "His blood... at thine hand."

### An Eternal Principle

It is true that God was speaking to Ezekiel in the dispensation of law, but there is an eternal principle in what He said. Every Christian has a responsibility to win men to Jesus Christ; and if he does not fulfill this obligation, he will answer to God for it. It may be in this life, or it may be at the judgment seat of Christ that he will answer for it. Somebody may ask, "Where does my responsibility end? I could spend every waking moment going from person to person pleading with them to come to Christ. I could wear out my strength and my life. I could stand on the street corner and cry out to the passing throngs to repent and turn to Christ. Does God want me to do that?" God may raise up a John Vassar to spend all of his time going from person to person, or a Roland Hill to stand on the street corner and cry out for men to repent, but He does not lead all men that way. That may not be the most effective manner for you to bring men to Christ. He wants you to be filled with His Spirit and so sensitive to His leading that you will see your opportunities and know when it is time for you to speak.

I am not so much afraid that you will not see the open door, as I am that you will let it close before you enter. Those souls whom you ought to reach for Christ may be in eternity before you get around to talking to them.

### Jesus May Come

Remember that Jesus said, "Behold, I come quickly." You may be called at any moment before the judgment seat of Christ where the Christian's works will be judged. This judgment will take place when He comes for His Church. "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22:12).

Peter exhorted the elders to feed the flock of God—and said, "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away" (1 Pet. 5:4). Suppose you should be called upon tonight to stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Would you be ashamed? Would you expect to be rewarded? In 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 Paul writes:

*"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."*

### The Judgment Seat

Some Christians may stand at the judgment seat and hear Jesus say something like this, "Come in. There is a place for you, but there is no reward. I love you; I died for you, but you have earned no reward. There is no crown of joy for you. You were not a soul winner. You did not even support or encourage evangelism and missions. In fact, you sometimes hindered such work by your lethargy which influenced other Christians into the same state of apathy which you were in. There is no crown of glory for you. You had no real part in feeding the

flock of God. There is no crown of righteousness for you. You did not love me appearing so that you fought a good fight' and 'finished the course' and 'kept the faith.' There is no crown of life for you. You did not live the martyr life or die the martyr death. There is for you no incorruptible crown which fadeth not away. You did not 'keep under' your body. You desecrated this temple of my Spirit with nicotine and alcohol, and petting and dancing, and immoderate feasting. But come on in."

My friends, I would weep in Heaven! I do not see how I could stand it. If one time in eternity Jesus will just look at me and give me a little smile as if to say, "My child, you tried to be faithful. You made a good effort," that will be reward enough for me. It may soon be too late for you to enter the door of opportunity which God has set before you. Wake up, Christian, and get busy for God!

### Physical Death Sometimes Comes to Wayward Fruitless Christians

God is "slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy," but "He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger forever" (Ps. 103:8,9). "There is a sin unto death" (1 John 5:16) which the Christian may commit. James tells us in the last two verses of his epistle that if a brother in Christ errs and one turns him back that one saves "a soul from death." This is physical death. Paul warned the

Corinthians to judge themselves because there were some among them "weak and sickly" and he said, "and many sleep" (1 Cor. 11:30) because they had not properly judged themselves in regard to partaking of the Lord's table.

This is a warning to some careless. (Continued on page 12)

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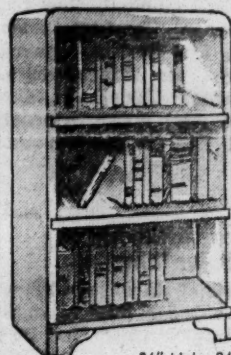
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## Grace Notes

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has such a lovely voice!" or, "Let John play tonight; he plays better than I do!" Remember that your talent was given to you to use, whether it is great or small. You won't be judged by what kind of talent you have, but you'll be rewarded according to how faithfully you've used it.

Notice that according to point number 11, we are to remember the improvement of talent. No talent can lie around unused without getting rusty. Those who have talents ought to develop them, to improve them. Maybe that means you should be taking voice lessons, in order to use your talent for the Lord. Maybe it means practicing more. Whatever it means for you, don't ever neglect the improving of your talent, the using of it for the Lord.

If you start to improve your talent, and find it slow going, that's where number 2 will come in. The value of perseverance. Just keep on keeping on! Keep trying, and improvement will come. Here is where you'll need to remember "the obligation of duty," "the virtue of patience," and "the pleasure of working," too. But patience, perseverance and work do pay, and with the help of God, they will accomplish results, if you keep on trying.

The last thing I want to mention is "the dignity of simplicity." This brings to mind a few occasions that stand out in my experience like shining jewels. There was a time when I heard a man sing who didn't have a wonderful voice—just an average one, you'd have said. The song he was singing was not beautifully nor expertly written, from the viewpoint of a technical musician. He didn't put in anything fancy or different; he just stood up and sang from the heart, in all the dignity of simplicity. As he sang, God spoke. What we heard was not an indifferent voice singing a simple mel-

ody; it was the words we heard. The words told of confidence and trust in a God who loves to watch over His own; and it was the words that went home with me after that service was over.

Do you see what I mean? It doesn't take a concert pianist, an operatic voice, to serve God. It takes a heart completely given over to Him, a life ready to be a channel of blessing. This is the important thing, that without which blessing cannot come. If you are blessed with a remarkable talent, so much the better. But that alone can't bring blessing, and it isn't necessary to blessing. Do you love the Lord? Then tell it—in word and in music! Has He helped you? Let people know about it! Do you have an opportunity to play, to sing, to speak? Don't worry about what somebody else can do! Do what you can do, the very best you can. There's a place you can fill that nobody else can fill. There's somebody you can reach that nobody else can reach. Make up your mind, in wholehearted consecration, in simple dedication—to use what you have for Jesus!

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Recently we have had two blessed chapters in THE SWORD OF THE LORD from books written by Dr. Harry Rimmer. Those two chapters were "Modern Science, Jonah, and the Whale," and "Modern Science and the Ark of Noah."

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## God Slams The Door

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less, prayerless, powerless, worldly Christian upon whom God may be about to slam the door. Such an one will repent and turn back to the will of God or go on and perhaps meet an untimely death. When Nineveh repented God spared the city. Although the prophet Isaiah had been commissioned to tell King Hezekiah of Judah to set his house in order because he was going to "die and not live," when Hezekiah cried out to God, his life was spared and prolonged for fifteen years. Careless, carnal Christian, take warning! Set your house in order lest ye die! God may slam the door!

### II. An Open Door for Lost Sinners to Come for Salvation

Unsaved friend, do you not know that you are under infinite obligation to Almighty God? You live in God's world, you breathe God's air, you drink God's water, you eat God's food, and you live a life which God created. You have offended this wonderful Benefactor. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Do you not know that you are a sinner by nature, by choice, and by practice, and that you are already under the condemnation of God? Do you not know that unless you are saved you will spend eternity in Hell?

Have you not heard the glorious Gospel that Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, took your sins in His own body, and died to redeem you from sin, and to save you from all of its consequences? Do you not know that salvation is a Person for "he that hath the Son hath life" and that you may have Him by simply trusting Him? Yes, you have heard all of this. You know your need. You know that His arms are open and He says, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." The door of salvation is open to you.

#### Enter While You May

"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2). There will never be a better time than now to come to Jesus, and this may be the last chance you will ever have. Christ may come. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 24:44). You may not live to see another opportunity. "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Prov. 29:1). It seems to me that one who has heard the Gospel and rejected Jesus Christ and has this warning is defying God if he puts it off any longer.

"It is too late to lock the stable after the steed is stolen." You need not pray, "Lord, grant that the thing that has taken place did not happen." Do not take a chance on losing your immortal soul!

Some years ago in a meeting in Florida I left the platform during the invitation (a thing I seldom do) to speak to an old man about his soul. On this occasion I was so burdened for that old man that I was impelled to speak to him. He said, "Son, I heard the Gospel before you were born."

"Then you have rejected Jesus for a long time," I answered.

He said, "Yes, but I will be saved before I die. I am not ready to do it yet."

"Sir," I said, "you believe the Bible. You know that James was right when he said, 'Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year . . . Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.' Proverbs 27:1 says, 'Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.' You had better trust Jesus tonight."

The old man said, "Not tonight. I will be saved sometime," and turned his back on me. He died the next morning without Christ. God slammed the door!

#### Plenty of Time

In another city a young lady raised her hand for prayer in a

service one night but would not come forward to indicate that she would accept Christ. The next day I went to a cafeteria to get my lunch and there was this young lady working behind the counter. I stopped and said,

"You were in the service last night and raised your hand for prayer."

She said, "yes."

"Why do you not come to Christ?" I asked.

She said, "I want to but I am young and have plenty of time."

I said, "You are young, but you do not have plenty of time. You have no lease on life. But if you knew that you would live many years you ought to trust Jesus now. It is wonderful that God can save old people, but it is more wonderful that He can save young people in the springtime of life when hopes are high and dreams are true."

There were people coming down the line behind me so I had to move on. I told the young lady that I would pray for her and moved on. She came back to the service and raised her hand again for prayer, but would not accept the Saviour. One night as I was ready to leave the service a gentleman came to me and introduced himself. He explained that he was the proprietor of that cafeteria and that he was a Christian man active in Christian work. He said many of his employees were Christians and that they were burdened for the young lady with whom I had dealt. He told me that she was in the hospital and asked me to go with him to see her that night. We found her in a coma but a Christian nurse told us that she had talked with her just before she lost consciousness and the young lady told the nurse that she was young and had plenty of time. She never came out of the coma. The girl was often reproved but hardened her neck and God slammed the door.

#### Not Now, Tonight!

In a small Georgia town five men organized to block our securing an auditorium for an evangelistic campaign and made every effort to prevent us from holding the meeting. The campaign was sponsored by a Business Men's Evangelistic Club jointly with the churches of the city. It seemed that God moved the men who opposed us out of the way before the campaign got started. One of those men was mayor of the town. He fell asleep with sleeping sickness and never woke up. Another man was arrested by government agents for arson, having burned his business five years previously and the detectives had just located him. One man died with an acute attack of appendicitis. Another, a depot agent, was rolled for his job and moved to another city. The fifth man committed suicide.

Of course, the people were greatly saddened by such an unusual series of deaths and misfortunes, and felt that surely God had brought judgment. But the Devil brought up reserves. There was more opposition and more judgment, several tragedies the first week of the meeting. The whole town seemed to be under powerful conviction, but people were stubborn. Christians began to pray in earnest. A mighty revival came. One morning I went into a pool room to invite the fellows to come out to the service. A young man who had just finished his game placed his cue stick in the rack, started out of the pool hall, and deliberately lunged into me pushing me into a pool table. I swallowed my pride and turned to the young men and invited them to the services.

Then I went next door to a drug store. I was standing at the soda fountain talking with the young man behind the counter when the same fellow who had pushed me into the pool table came by and lunged into me again pushing me into the soda fountain. I turned and pulled the young man around to face me and said, "You did that on purpose."

"What are you going to do about it?" he asked.

I said, "I'm going to tell you why you did it. You don't have

anything against me but I'm a Christian and . . ."

"Lay aside your Christianity if you don't like it," he interrupted. I said, "I don't have the kind you can put off like an old coat and lay aside. But I want to tell you why you resent me. I'm a Christian and you don't like my Saviour. What is your name?"

He told me his name and I said, "I knew that you were under conviction. You have two brothers who are preachers. You have a godly mother and a Christian sister. Why don't you come to Jesus?"

He looked down at the floor and after a while he looked up and extended his hand to me and said, "Preacher, I want you to forgive me. You are right. I'm a sinner and that's the trouble with me." I said, "Will you trust Jesus?" He said, "I will do it tonight."

"Will you do it now?" I asked. He said, "Tonight."

I said, "My friend, you can't decide now that you will accept Jesus tonight. You cannot accept Jesus without a change of attitude toward God and toward sin. If you have had that change you will accept Him now."

The man said, "Tonight."

I said, "Now."

He said, "Tonight."

I said, "I will pray for you."

That afternoon a man knocked on my door at the hotel and said that one of the pastors wanted to see me. We hurried down the street to a place where a man lay dying. Here was the young man with whom I had dealt that morning. The doctor was there and said he was dying. I asked the doctor if I might talk with him. He said it would be all right so I went over to the bed and said, "Listen, Bill, this is Monk Parker. I talked to you this morning and you told me you wanted to trust the Lord tonight. Jesus died for you. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth . . ." As I said these words there appeared an awful stare in the man's eyes and beads of sweat stood out on his brow. Then he took God's name in vain and leaped out into eternity. God had called and he had refused. God said, "Now." He said, "Tonight," and God slammed the door.

Jesus told of a rich man who thought that he had plenty of time, but God said to him, "Thou fool, this night shall thy soul be required of thee."

*There is a time, I know not when,  
A place I know not where  
Which marks the destiny of men  
To glory or despair.*

Beware, friend, lest the door close and you be left outside. Come now to Jesus! Do not let the door close with you outside "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie" (Rev. 22:15). "These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth and no man openeth . . . I have set before thee an open door." Enter, sinner friend, while you may!

#### Come in the Door Today!

You have read the blessed prize-winning sermon by the evangelist, Dr. Monroe Parker, entitled, "God Slams the Door." It is an honest, scriptural, fervent message. May the blessed Holy Spirit use it to convict you, and if you are lost, to save you. How solemn is the warning! God does slam the door of opportunity. Those who delay and neglect and reject, often die without mercy.

If you will turn to Jesus, you may be saved today. I beg you this moment turn from your sin in your heart, confess to Christ that you are a poor, lost sinner, then depend upon Him for mercy and forgiveness. Accept Him as your own personal Saviour now, and rely upon Him, commit your soul to Him. He plainly promises, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). We have the blessed promise of Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." If you will take Christ as your own Saviour, casting yourself on His mercy now and forever, then you have the plain assurance of God's Word that He will accept

you, forgive you, and save your soul. In Jesus' name, do it now.

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